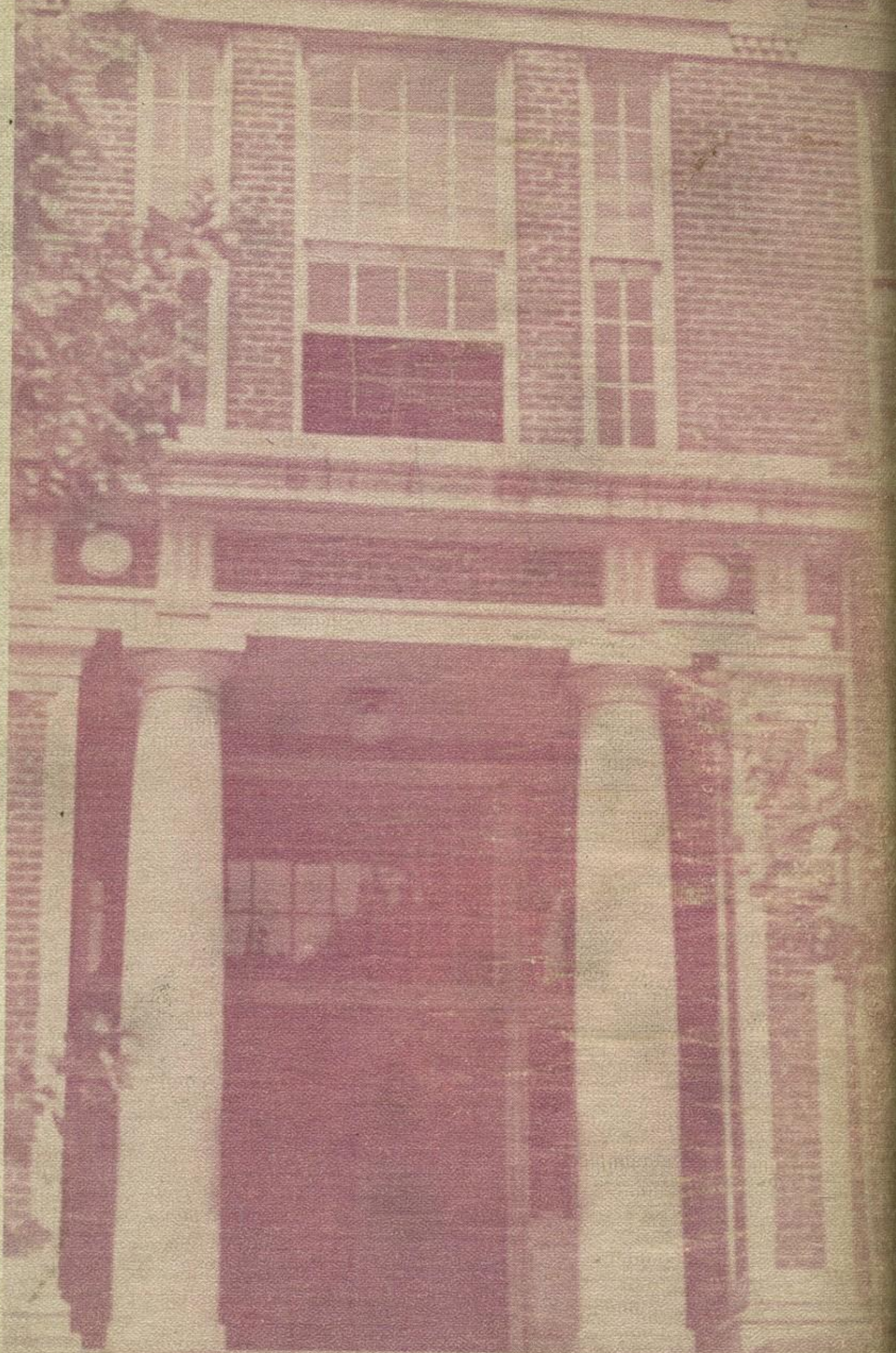


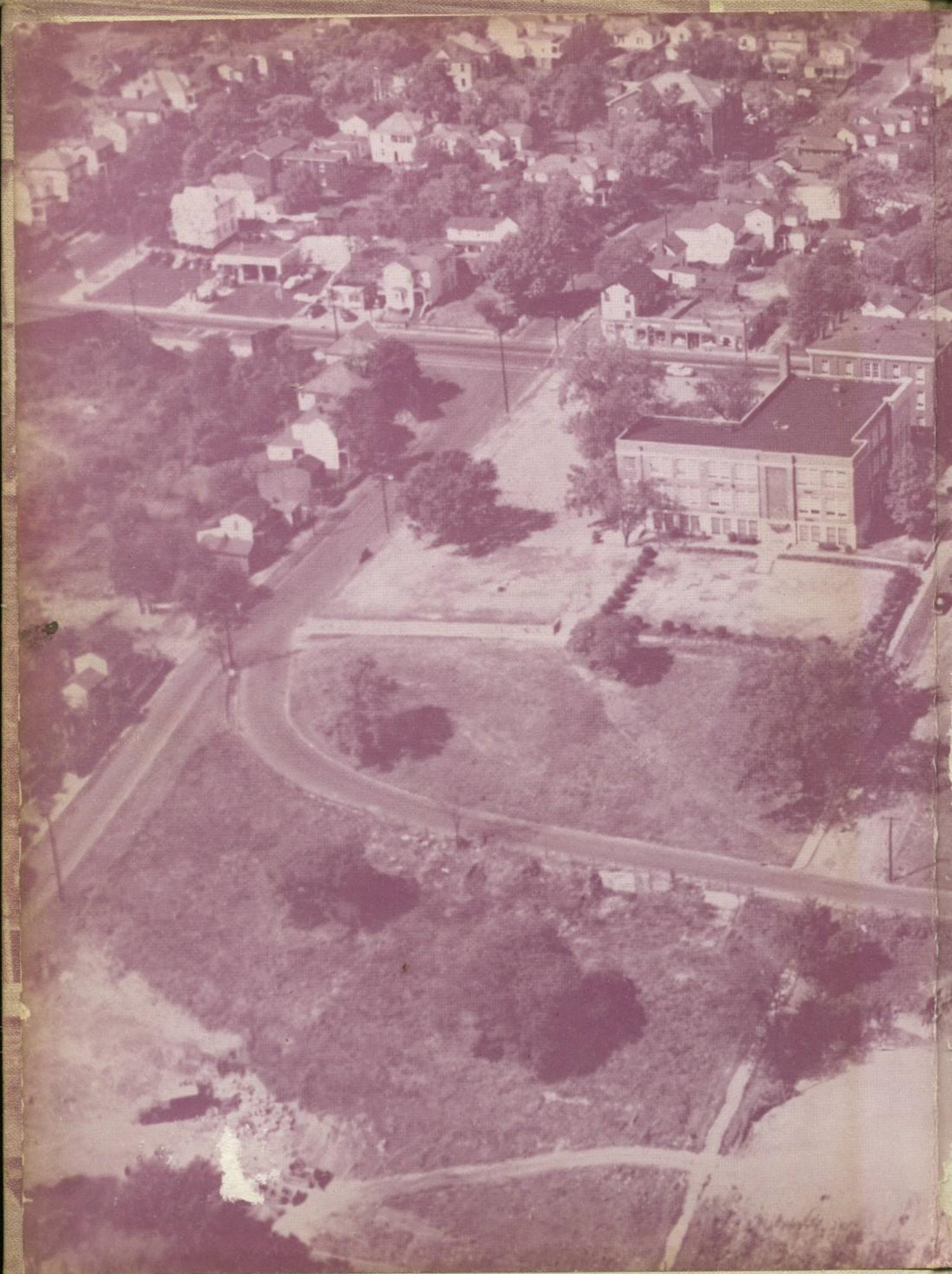
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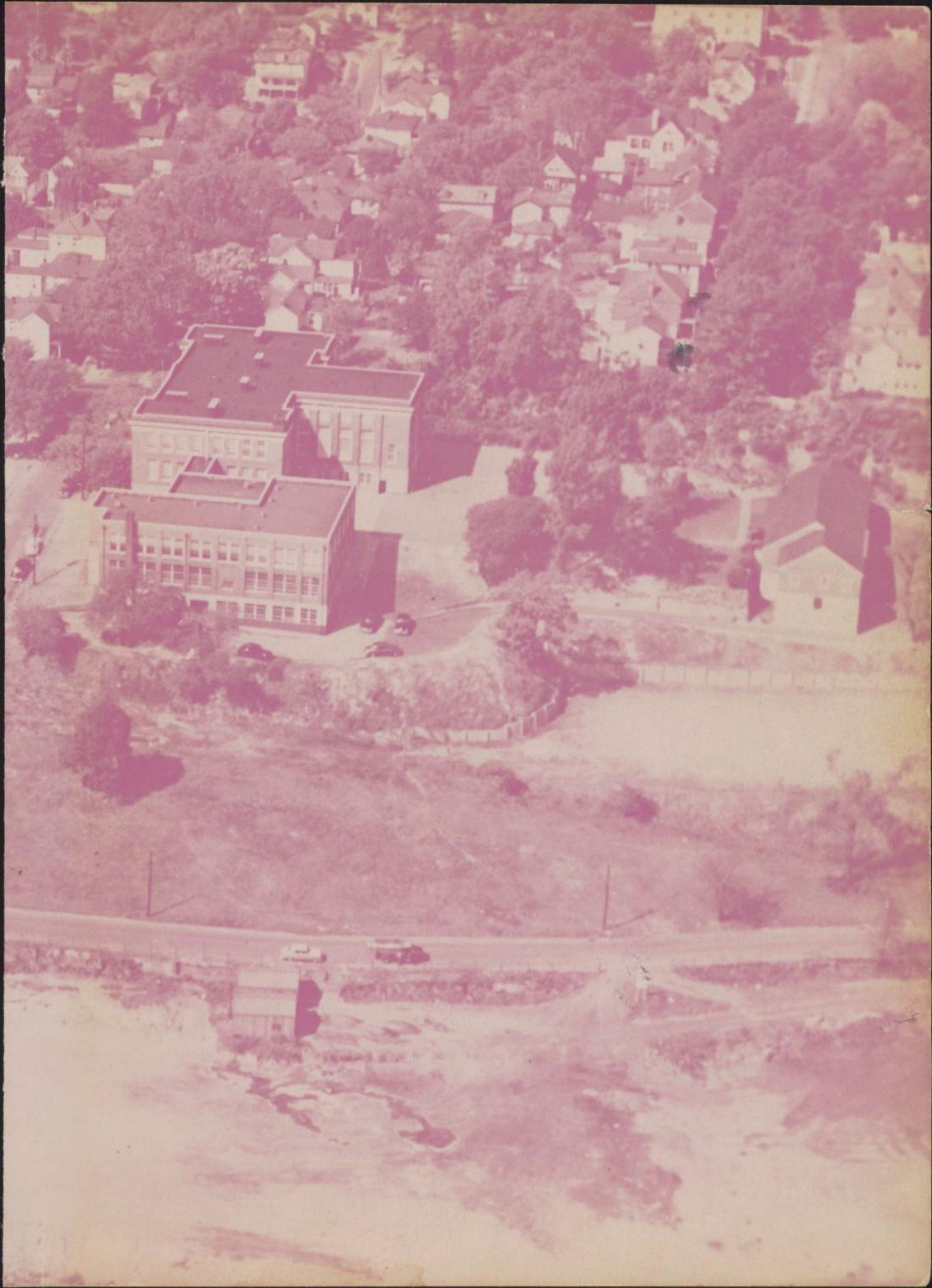
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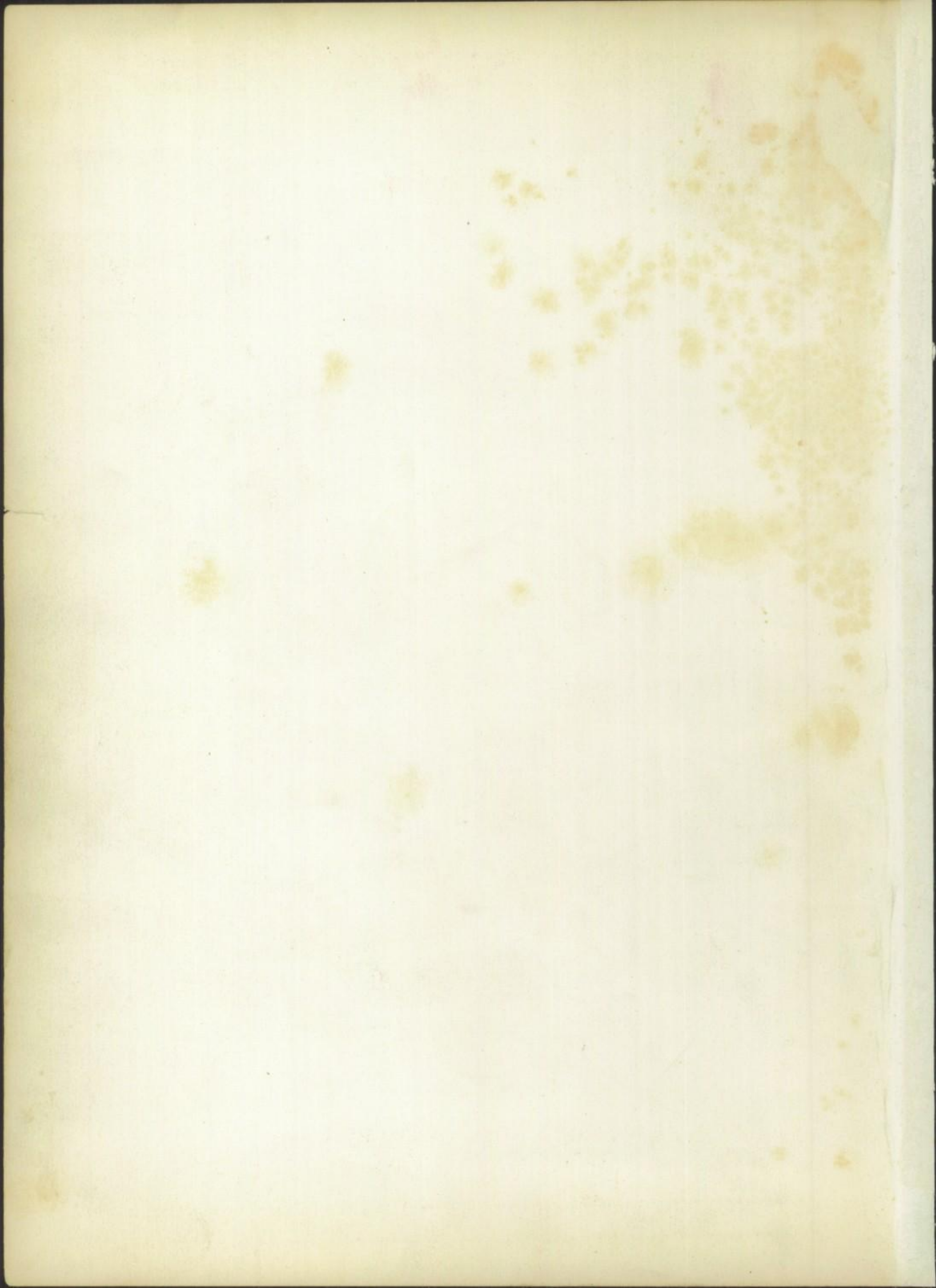
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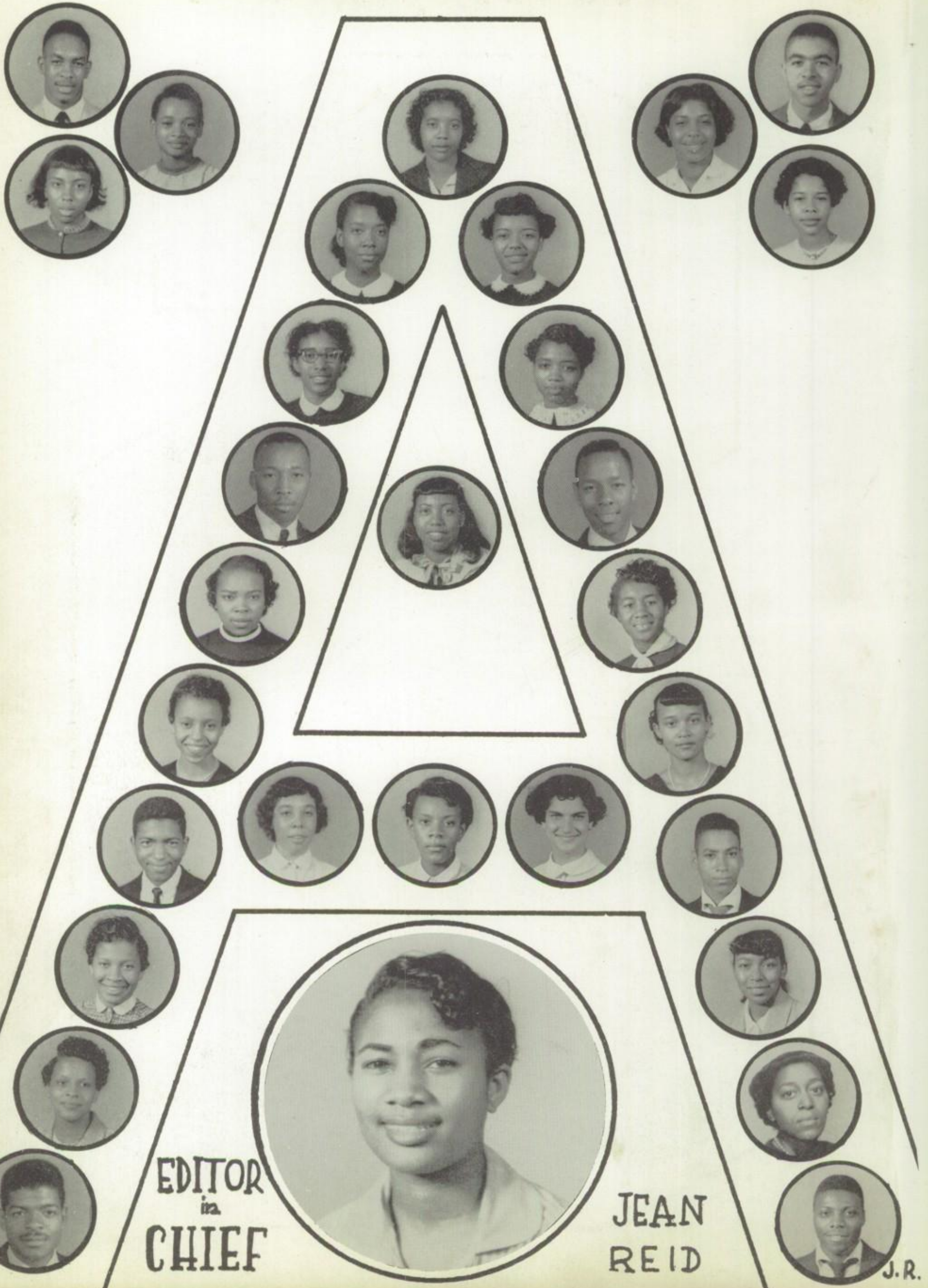
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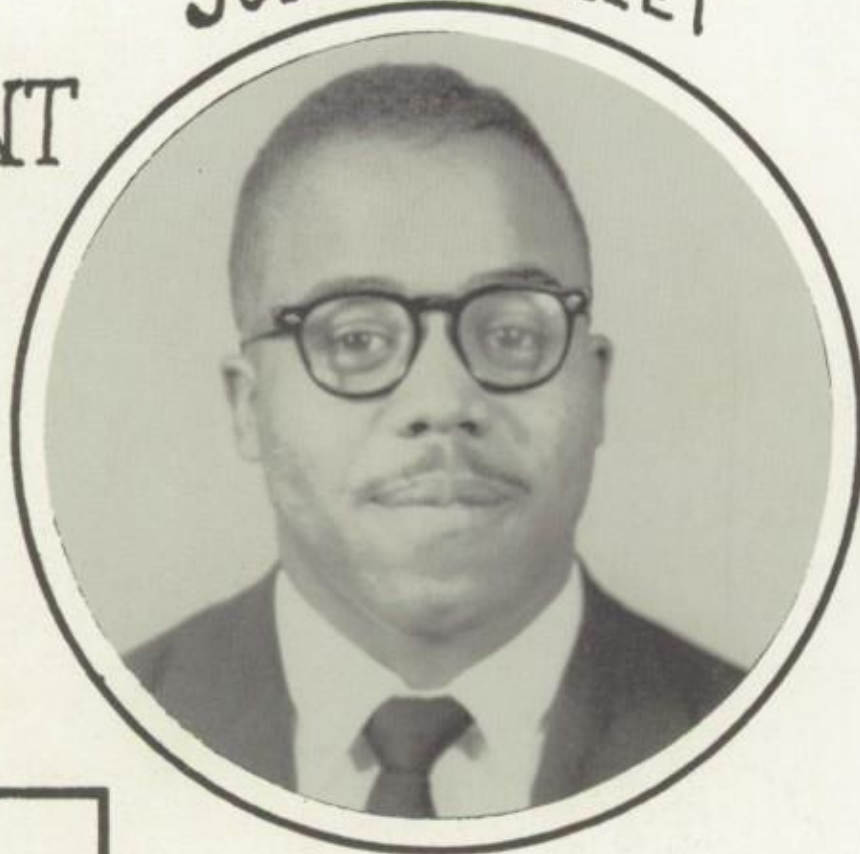
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Dedication



Mrs. Ruth Glass Blair



Mrs. Mabel Pride Campfield



Mrs. Susie Brown Edmonds

It is especially fitting and proper that this edition of The Dunbarian should be dedicated to the first Dunbar graduating class. After all, one of the school's main purposes is to graduate its students.

The race, as we all know is not always to the swift, but to those who endure to the end. So, a salute to that hardy band of Seniors (4 boys and 14 girls) of the Class of 1923.

May the ninety-odd members of the class of '55 and the classes which follow, uphold and enrich the Dunbar tradition of running the race to the end.



Mrs. Anna Johnson Vaughn



Mrs. Edna Cox Scruggs



Mrs. Mabel Reid Hughes

Class of 1923



Mr. Herman Calloway Penn



Mrs. Pearl Evans Turpin



Miss Arenetha E. Turner

MEMBERS OF CLASS NOT SHOWN

*Mr. Alfred H. Campbell
 *Miss Lucille A. Harris
 Mrs. Mary Johnson Herndon
 Mrs. Alice White Lewis
 Rev. Frank P. Lewis
 Mrs. Elizabeth Franklin Wright



Mrs. Oriana Bondurant Harris



Mrs. Fannie Scott Blackburn



Mr. George A. Pannell

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Alfred H. Campbell
 Lucille A. Harris

Not Only For . . .



HENRIETTA P. JENNINGS
Former primary school teacher
South Lynchburg Elementary School



ANN SPENCER
Former Librarian
Dunbar High School

*Our
Yesterdays*



ORA S. WILLIAMS
in 1919
Former Latin Teacher
Dunbar High School



KATIE B. STEWART
Former primary school teacher
Payne Elementary School



LULA CLEMENTS
Former primary school teacher
Yoder Elementary School

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Faculty Children



John Paul, Jr



Norvell, Jr.



Patricia



"Pat"

PAST



Rodney



Gwendolyn



Stewart



Dennis

PRESENT



Shirley

FUTURE



John, Jr.



Thomas D. Jr.



Robert



Vivian



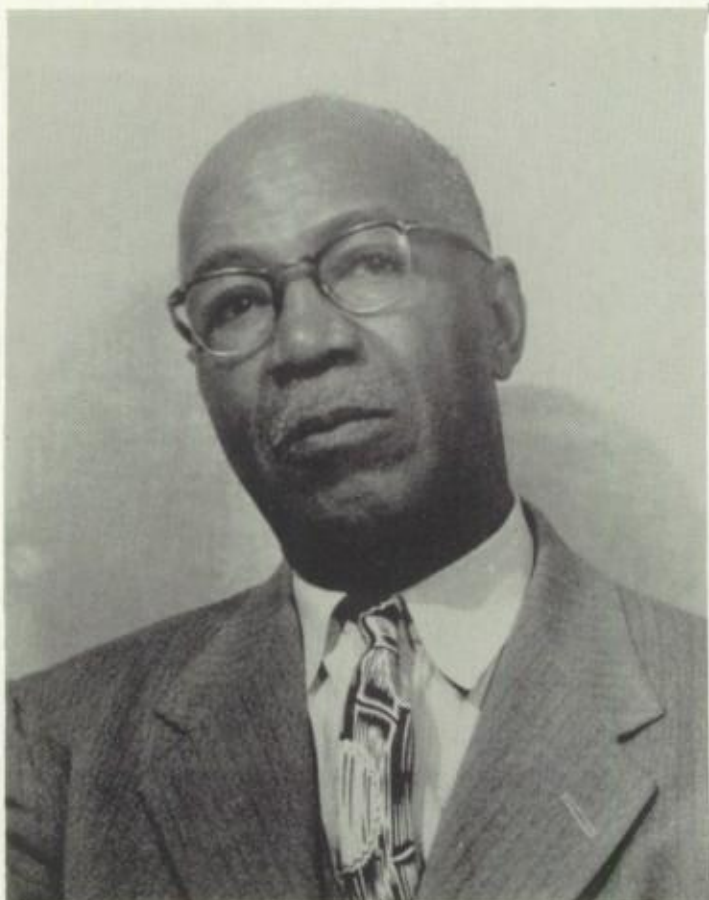
Paula Page



"Billy Martin"



Susan



MR. H. A. M. JOHNS, founder of the Dunbar P. T. A. and its present president, is loved and respected by all Dunbarians.

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by all

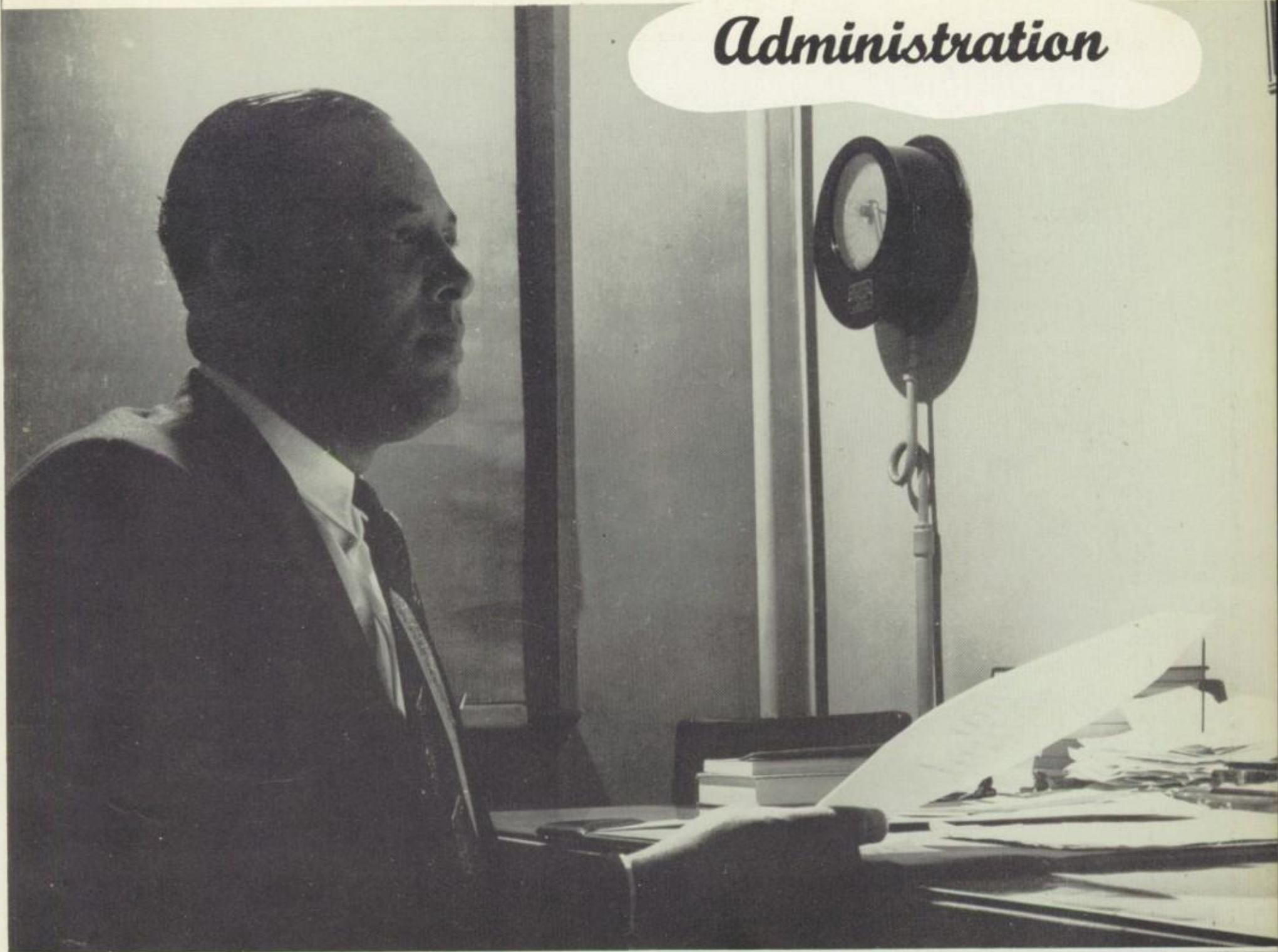
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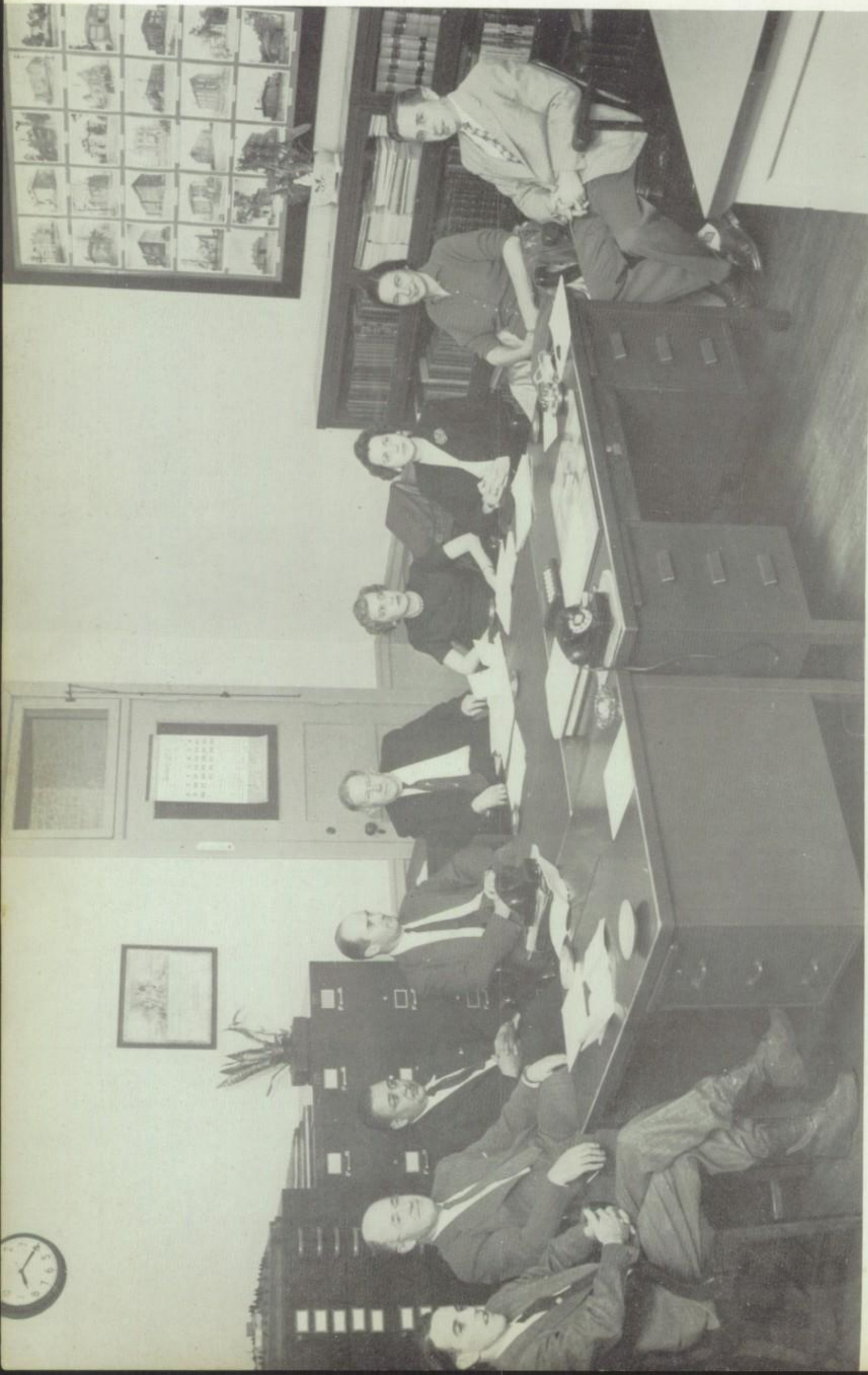
MR. WILLIAM "Bill" GORDON, member of the P. T. A., has helped tremendously in community-school relationships and rendered unselfish service to the DUNBARIAN.



Administration



Our School Board



THE LYNCHBURG SCHOOL BOARD Reading, Left to Right: Mr. Joseph Burnette, Assistant Business Manager; Mr. Morris W. Whitaker, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Carl B. Hutcherson; Mr. Paul Sackett; Dr. Paul M. Munro, Superintendent; Mrs. Phillip J. Weiland; Mrs. Frank G. Davidson, Jr.; Mrs. Mosby G. Perrow; Mr. Charles K. Saunders, Business Manager. Not Shown on this Picture are: Dr. H. L. Riley, Mr. Walter G. Mason, and Mr. Harry G. Green, Chairman.

A Fair and Just Man, He Merits Our Respect and Esteem

MR. C. W. SEAY, M. A.
Principal

Dunbar High School



To The Students of 1955:

It is a generally accepted fact that education in a democracy is affected by what goes on in the community. Because it is close to the people, education in any given locality reflects the social, economic, political and religious life of the community and the nation. In a very real way the interest, the initiative, in short, the character of the community may be accurately determined by an examination of the schools. They will stand still, flounder, grow, or flourish according to the popular support, or lack of it, which they receive.

We know this from long and sometimes bitter experience. That is why those of us who are engaged in education are grateful for the people and the organizations who spend their time and substance in creating a climate favorable to educational growth. "To stand still is to retrogress". We believe this activity is important - important to all America and all the world. It would, therefore, seem fitting and proper that our feeble voices be raised in honor of those who spearhead this important public service without thought of personal gain. We lift our hats and make our best manners to the Parent-Teacher Associations, the School Boards, the Professional Educational Organizations, the N.A.A.C.P., the Religious bodies and many individual citizens who are always ready to help.

While we know that education is affected by what goes on in the community, it is conversely of great importance to those of us in the schools to give some thought to the question of how education can affect the community. If it can enhance the social values, lift the economic level, lead to better government, improve human relations, raise the standards of health, make for individual happiness and prepare us for mature living there is justification in the hope that "there is a better day coming". It is my sincere hope that all real Dunbarians will each contribute in his own way to the realization of this ambitious goal.

Very sincerely yours

C. W. Seay
C. W. Seay, Principal

Message to Seniors

MRS. PAULINE F. WEEDEN, M.A.
Assistant Principal

Dunbar High School



Dear Seniors of 1955:

So after five years you are going to leave us. Well do we remember when you arrived at Dunbar, a little frightened, eager to come to high school and happy to know that you had passed another milestone. Since that time you have left some footprints, many of which we have been very proud of. Your scholastic attainment, your invaluable contribution to all co-curricular activities, and your growing up to be good citizens, makes us happy that you are members of the Dunbar Family.

As you leave we wish for you through the years to come a long life of good health and happiness. Most of all we wish for you growth in active citizenship, an appreciation for the Christian faith, a true love for every fellowman that you pass on your way, and a sincere desire that each of you will so live that you will merit the respect of all who follow in your footsteps, here at Dunbar.

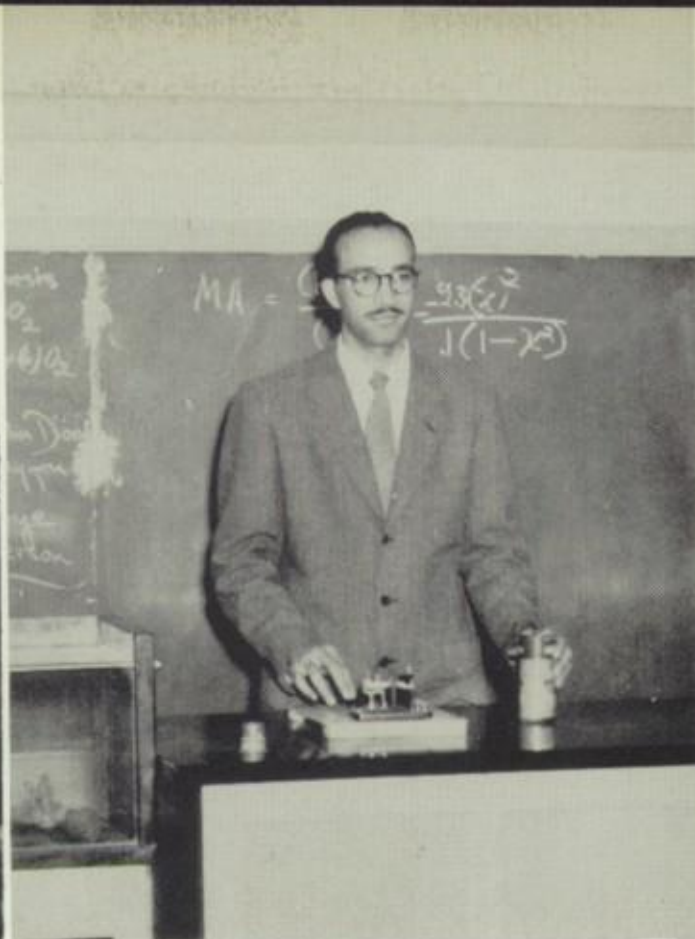
Very sincerely yours,

Pauline F. Weeden

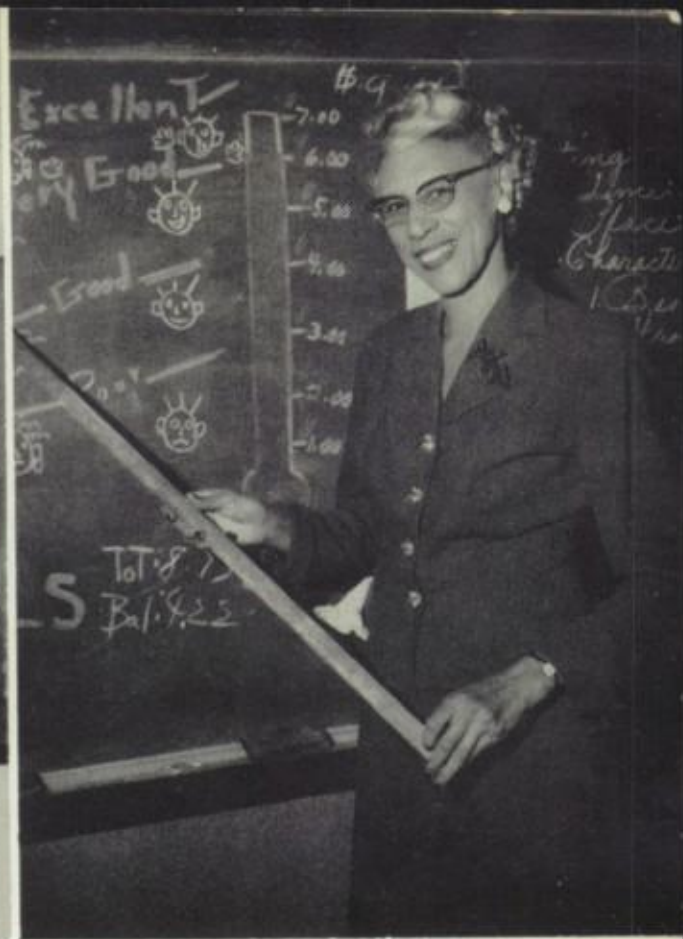
Pauline F. Weeden
Assistant Principal



Carolyn P. Langhorne, B. S.
HOMEMAKING



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SCIENCE



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ENGLISH



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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BUSINESS

J. P. Davies
AUTO-MECHANICS





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BUSINESS EDUCATION



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MATHEMATICS

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HISTORY

Carolyn Brown, B. S.
SECRETARY





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FOREIGN LANGUAGE



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BUSINESS



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ENGLISH



Yvonne T. Ferguson, A. B.
ENGLISH

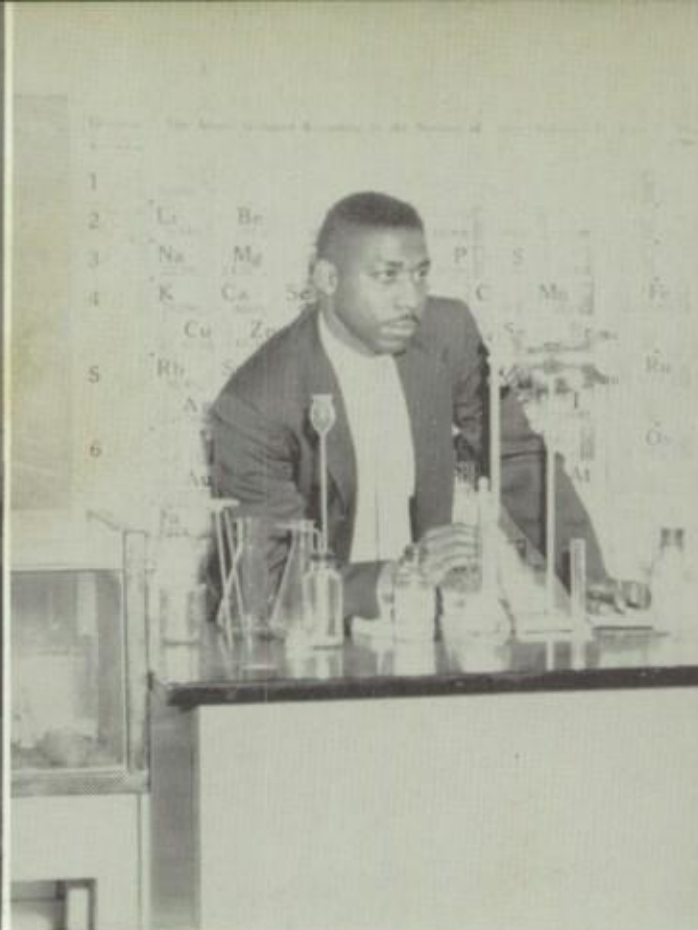
Yarborough B. Williams, A. B.
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HOMEMAKING



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SCIENCE



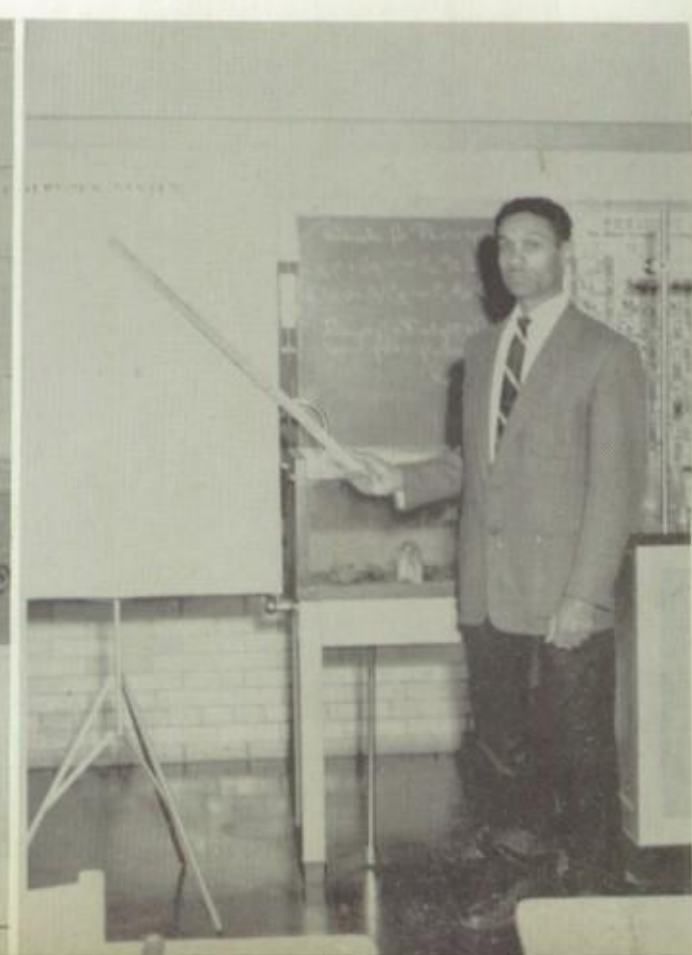
Dorothy D. Lomax, A. B.
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SOCIAL SCIENCES

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COMMERCIAL FOODS

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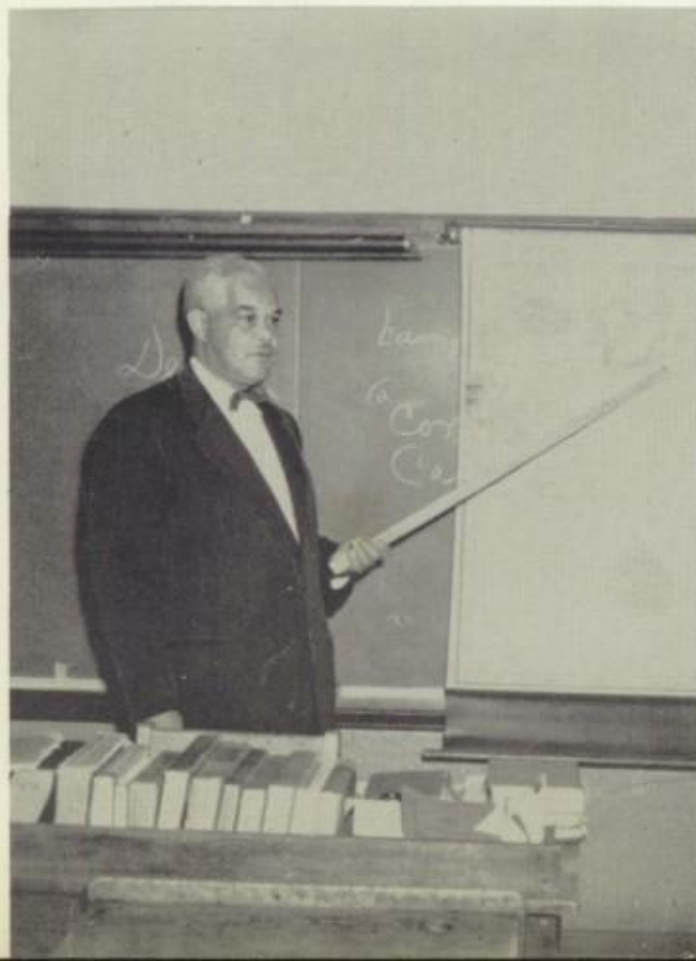
Blanche W. Edley, B. S.
COMMERCIAL CLOTHING



H. S. Ferguson, M. A.
HISTORY

Elynor R. Goodwyn, M. S.
SUPERVISOR of ART

John Cardwell, B. S.
MATHEMATICS





Clara M. Seay, B. S.
SCIENCE



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SUPERVISOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

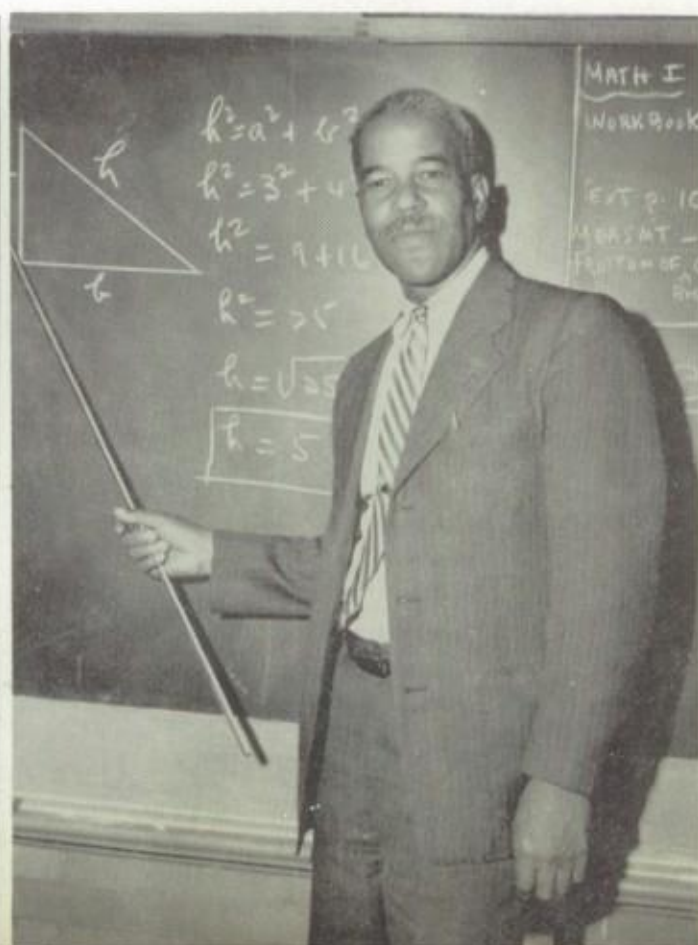


Dorothy L. Obey, A. B.
ENGLISH



Amy P. Jordan, M. A.
MATHEMATICS

O. M. Washington, M. A.
MATHEMATICS



Seniors



JEAN MERLE REID

Vice-President of Senior Class; Editor-in-Chief of Annual Staff; Student Council; N. H. A.; Dunbar Theater Guild.

Ambition: To be successful in all undertakings.



FREDDIE YVONNE
CUNNINGHAM

Secretary of Senior Class; National Honor Society; Le Cercle Francais; Theater Guild; Annual Staff; Chronicle Staff.

Ambition: To attend college and become a school teacher.



LUVERN MARCELLA
CHRISTIAN
"Verne"

Assistant Secretary of Senior Class; Band; Chorus; F. B. L. A.; Negro History Club.

Ambition: To be a good Secretary.



SAMUEL EDWARD
FRANKLIN
"Sam Lamb"

President of Senior Class; Editor-in-Chief - Dunbar Chronicle; French Club; Annual Staff; Chorus; Dramatic Club.

Ambition: To attend college and become an engineer.

CHARLES EDDIE McCAIN
"Eddie"

Treasurer of Senior Class; F. B. L. A.; Student Council; Football Team; Y. M. C. A.; May Day King "52".

Ambition: To become successful in all my undertakings.



WADDELL ANDREW
THOMAS
"Ted"

Business Manager of Senior Class; Patrol Force; Chorus; Band.





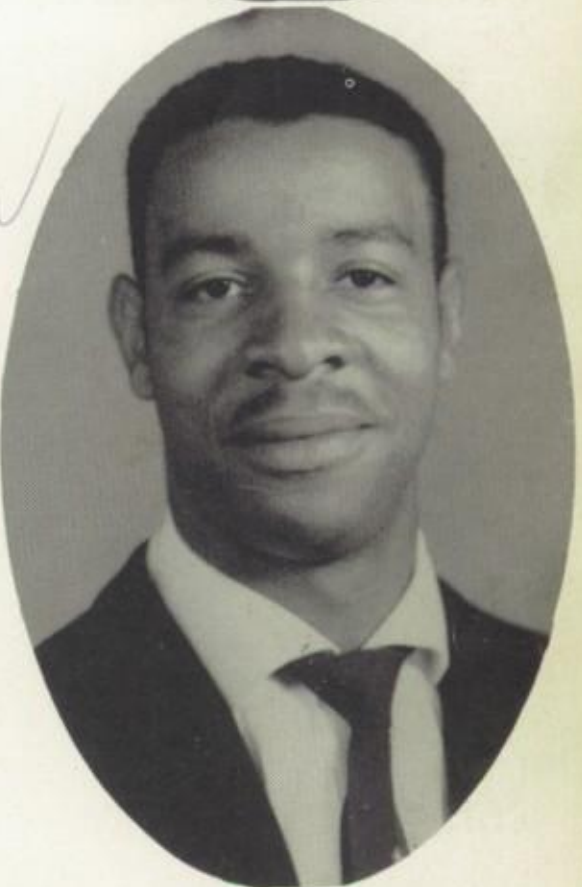
CHARLES JAMES ABBOTT
 "Tub"
 Football; French Club; N. A. A. C. P.; Hi-Y
 Intramural Basketball.
 Ambition: To become a coach.



BETTY LOU ANDERSON
 "Shortie"
 Dunbar Theater Guild; Chorus; Le Cercle
 Francais.
 Ambition: To become a dress designer.



BEVERLY ANDERSON
 "Bevo"
 Hi-Y; N. A. A. C. P.; Chorus; Negro History
 Club.
 Ambition: To be successful in all my under-
 takings.



CARROL ANDERSON
 "Andy"
 A Veteran Engineer - Korean Conflict.
 Ambition: To become a mechanical engi-
 neer.



JOSEPHINE ANN BEVERLEY
 "Jo"
 Ambition: To be successful in life.



LACY GORDON BLAIR
 Chorus; Chronicle; Y. M. C. A.; Honor So-
 ciety; Le Cercle Francais; Negro History
 Club; N. A. A. C. P.
 Ambition: To attend college and be success-
 ful in life.



ARTHUR LEE BOOKER

"Mr. Robin"

N. A. A. C. P.

Ambition: To be a success in whatever field I choose.



NONA OLIVIA BRAXTON

"Nona B"

Negro History Club; Chronicle Staff; N. A. A. C. P.; Dunbarian Staff; Future Business Leaders of America; Y-Teen; Junior Red Cross.

Ambition: To be successful in life.



WINFRED STEWART BROWN

"Stewarty"

Football; Y. M. C. A.; Chronicle Staff.

Ambition: To become a successful mechanic.



SHIRLEY OLIVIA CARTER

"Shirl"

Chronicle Staff; Student Council; N. A. A. C. P.; Band.

Ambition: To become a nurse.



PHYLLIS LOUISE CLARK

"Philco"

Ambition: To be successful in anything I undertake.



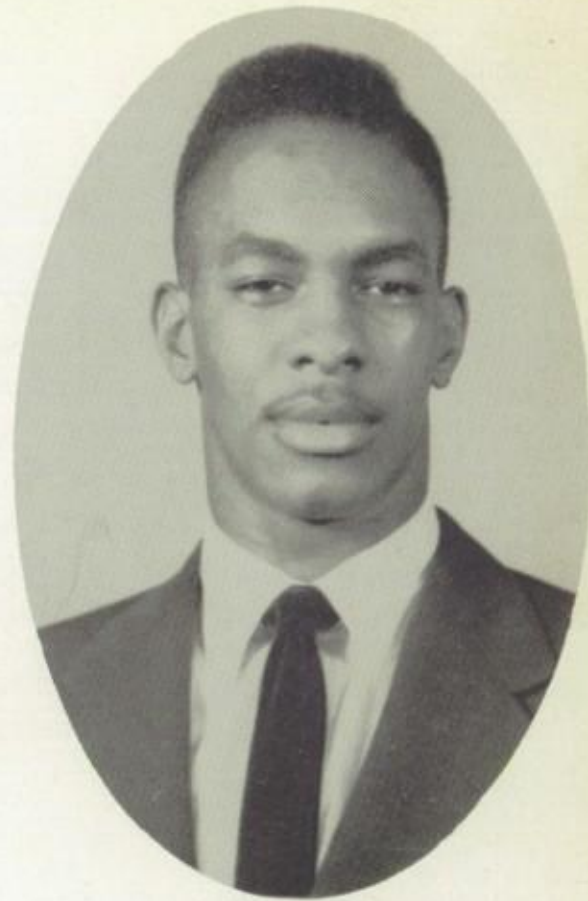
JEAN DORIS COLMORE

Y-Teen; Chronicle Staff; Le Cercle Francais; N. A. A. C. P.

Ambition: To have a successful life.



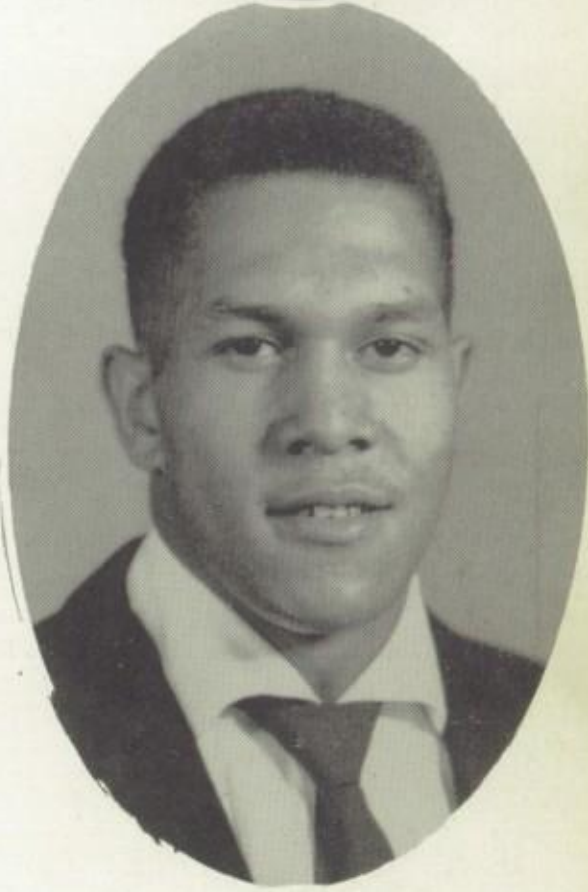
ALBERTA BEATRICE COX
 "Fat Rabbit"
 Y. W. C. A.; Chronicle Staff; Negro History Club; N. A. A. C. P.; Theater Guild; F. B. L. A.



MITCHELL CUNNINGHAM
 "Mickey"
 Annual Staff; N. A. A. C. P.; Y. M. C. A.; Football "52"; Intramural Basketball.
 Ambition: To become an interior decorator.



ROBERT BERNARD DAVIS
 "Louie"
 Y. M. C. A.; N. A. A. C. P.; Negro History Club.
 Ambition: To overcome any obstacle that appears in the path of success.



ELMORE MELVIN DICKEY
 Veteran
 Paratrooper - Korean Conflict.
 Ambition: To become a mechanical engineer.



HAROLD PRINCE DOUGLAS
 "Bragg"
 Chorus; Le Cercle Francais; Negro History Club; Chronicle Staff.
 Ambition: To be successful in the field of vocal music.



DORIS ELAINE EDMONDS
 "Dottie"
 Annual Staff; Cheerleader; Chronicle Staff; Office Assistant; F. B. L. A.; Y. W. C. A. N. A. A. C. P.
 Ambition: To be a success in life.



DELORES JUDITH ANN FERGUSON

"Lo Baby"

Choir; N. H. A.; Y. W. C. A.; Dramatic Club;
N. A. A. C. P.

Ambition: To attain in life all the happiness
gained from spiritual knowledge and the un-
derstanding of my fellow man.



HARRIET LEE FERGUSON

Y. W. C. A.; N. A. A. C. P.; Le Cercle Francais;
Dramatic Club.



ELAINE GLORIA FORE

"Shorty"

Chorus; N. A. A. C. P.; Y. W. C. A.; Le Cercle
Francais.

Ambition: To be successful in any career I
may choose.



RAYMOND CECIL FULLER

"De Gray Hound"

Ambition: To be successful in anything I
undertake.

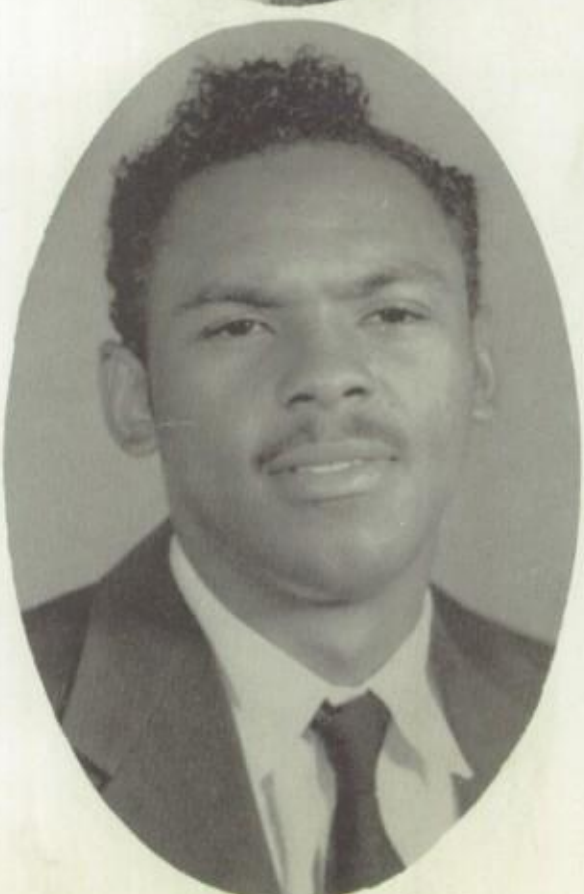


SHIRLEY MAE GRAY

"Shirl"

Le Cercle Francais; Y. W. C. A.; Chronicle
Staff; N. A. A. C. P.; Cheerleader; Office
Helper.

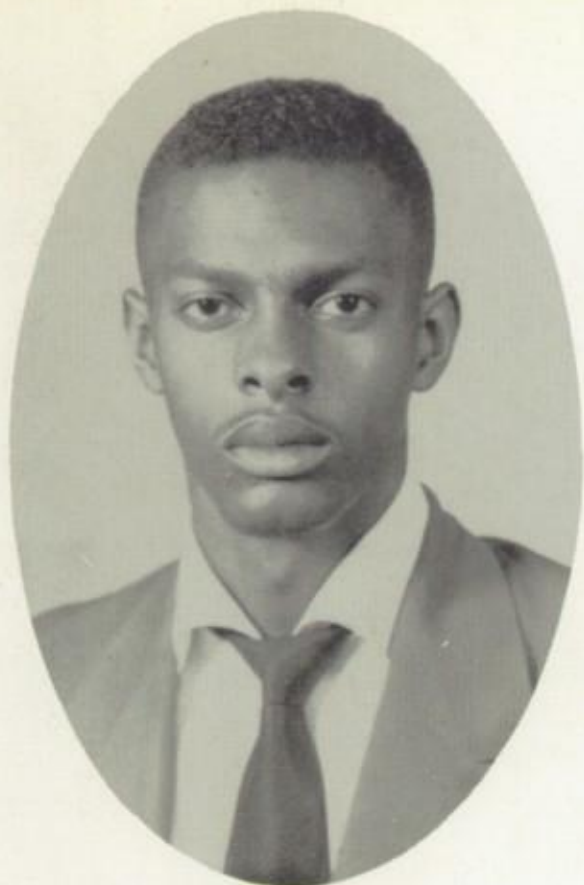
Ambition: To become a nurse.



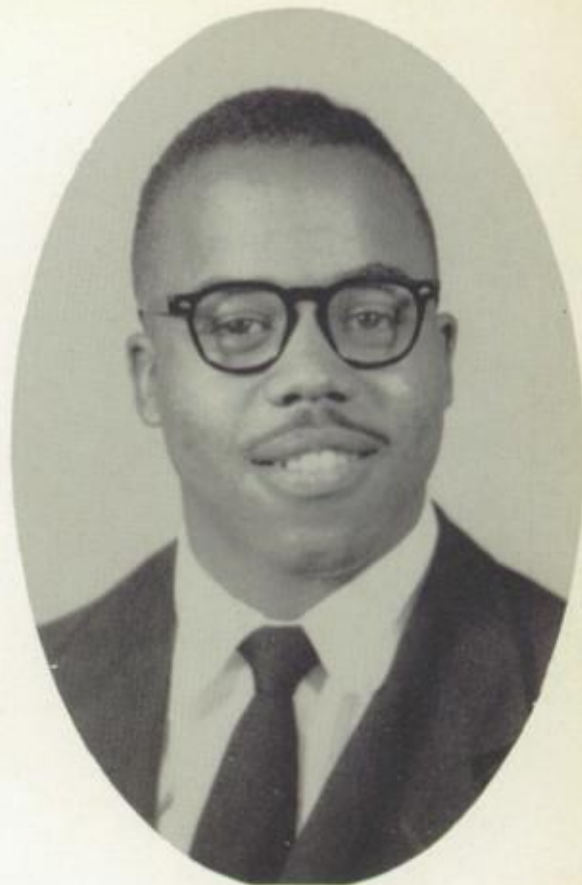
DOUGLAS OSWALD GREEN

Le Cercle Francais.

Ambition: To enter college and study Chem-
istry or Mathematics.



GEORGE VALTINO GREEN, JR.
 "Beans"
 Junior N. A. A. C. P.; Football.
 Ambition: To be a successful aviation mechanic.



JOHN ROBERT HAMLETT, JR.
 "The Toy"
 Negro History Club; F. B. L. A.; Dunbar Theater Guild; Y. M. C. A.; Annual Staff; Junior Red Cross.
 Ambition: To be successful in all my undertakings.



FREIDA MAE HARRIS
 "Fee-Fee"
 Y-Teen; N. A. A. C. P.; Dramatic Club; Dunbarian Staff; Office Helper; Le Cercle Francais.
 Ambition: To attend college and become a successful secretary.



GEORGE WENDELL HARRIS, JR.
 Basketball; Football; Y. M. C. A. Annual Staff; Chronicle; Chorus.
 Ambition: To be a successful engineer.



SARAH VIOLA HENRY
 "Sa"
 Y. W. C. A.; F. B. L. A.
 Ambition: To become a successful secretary.



DONALD EDWARD HUBBARD
 "EL DuckLina"
 Y. M. C. A.; Patrol Force; Band; Chorus; Dramatic Club; Intramural Basketball; Student Council.



JEAN ARVELLA IRVINE
Chorus; Band; Chronicle; Le Cercle Francais;
National Honor Society; Dramatic Club; Stu-
dent Council.
Ambition: To become a successful nurse.



JOHN SAMUEL IRVINE, JR.
"June"
Patrol Force; Football; Projectionist Club.
Ambition: To be successful in all my under-
takings.



ELLA MAE ISBELL
Chronicle Staff; F.B.L.A.; Junior N.A.A.C.P.;
Y. W. C. A.
Ambition: To attend Cortez Peters Business
School.



JEANETTE ELIZABETH JACKSON
N. H. A. ; Dramatic Club; Annual Staff; Bas-
ketball.
Ambition: To become a dramatist or a suc-
cessful singer.



LORETTA NANNIE JACKSON
"Low"
Ambition: To be successful in life.



GRACE JENERSON
"Gyp"
Co-captain of Cheering Squad; Chorus; Dun-
bar Theater Guild; Le Cercle Francais; Negro
History Club, Chronicle; Y-Teen.
Ambition: To go to Paris to study music or
interior decorating.



RAMONA NORMANIA JOHNS
 "Peggy"
 Chorus; Majorette; French Club; Dunbarian Staff; Y. W. C. A.
 Ambition: To become a successful doctor



SHIRLEY MAE JOHNSON
 "Shirley J"
 Chorus; Le Cercle Francais; Junior Red Cross; Y-Teen.
 Ambition: To continue my education.



EVELYN BARBARA JONES
 Y. W. C. A.
 Ambition: To be successful in life.



CAROLYN YVONNE JORDAN
 "Toots"
 Ambition: To become a nurse.



ELVA LEE KIDD
 "Kid"
 N. H. A.; F. B. L. A.; Y. W. C. A.; Cheerleader; Dunbarian Staff; Office Helper; Chronicle.
 Ambition: To become a bookkeeper - filing clerk.



GWENDOLYN AUDREY LEE
 "Gwen"
 Dunbarian Staff; Chronicle Staff; Library Helper; French Club; Cheering Squad.
 Ambition: To become a successful nurse or a successful teacher.



HELEN MAE GERTRUDE LEE
Basketball Team; Chorus; Le Cercle Francais;
Dunbar Theater Guild.
Ambition: To become a successful nurse.



BERNICE ONEITA MCCAIN
"Bonnie"
N. A. A. C. P.; Chorus; Y. M. C. A.; F. B. L. A.
Ambition: To be a successful singer.



LORETTA JULIETT McCORY
"Piggy"
Cheerleader; Chorus; Theater Guild; Chroni-
cle Staff; Basketball; N. A. A. C. P.
Ambition: To be successful in whatever
field I undertake.



NAOMI ELAINE MCDANIEL
"Nay"
Dramatic Club; N. H. A.; Y. W. C. A.
Ambition: To become a secretary.



PAULINE OLIVIA MCDANIEL
"Polly"
Ambition: To go to a business school and
afterwards be a secretary or typist.



CARL MILLER
Football; Y. M. C. A.
Ambition: To attend college.



DUVAL THAXTON MILLER
Football; N. A. A. C. P.
Ambition: To be successful in whatever I
choose to do.



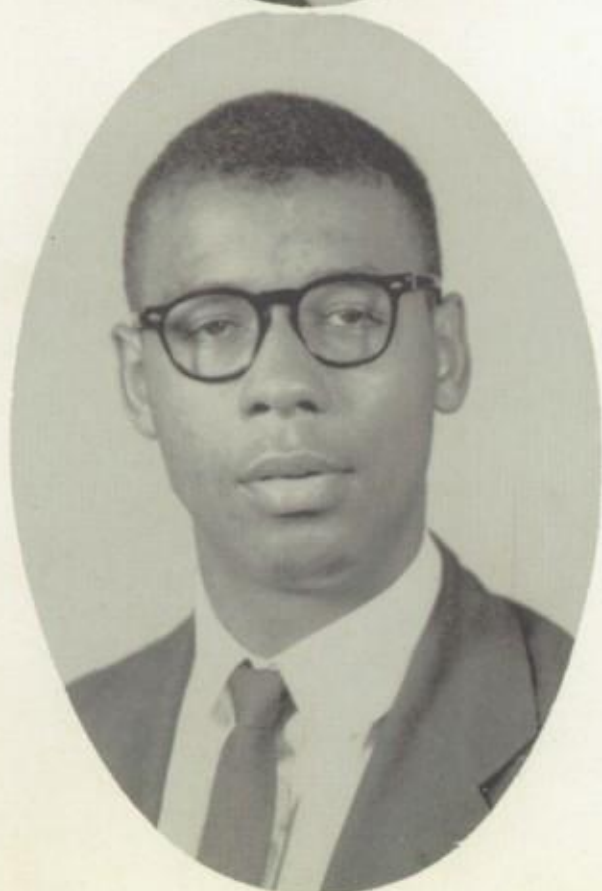
GRACE AUGUSTA MILLER
"Gee"
Ambition: To become a nurse.



EVELYN JEAN MILLER
"Eugeneie"
F. B. L. A.; Negro History Club.
Ambition: To be successful in all my under-
takings.



JAMES EDWARD MILLER
"Jimmy Dee"
Y. M. C. A.; N. A. A. C. P.; Intramural.
Ambition: To be successful in whatever I
may endeavor.



JOHN WILLIAM MILLER, JR.
"Rudy"
Football; Basketball; Chorus; Band; F. B. L. A.;
Theater Guild.
Ambition: To direct a "pops" orchestra and
chorus of my own.



FRANCIS DOUGLAS MOORMAN
"The Kitten"
Y. M. C. A.
Ambition: To be a sculptor.



EZRA LEE MORRIS
"Lil Jun"

French Club.
Ambition: To be successful.



LEVI MORRIS

Le Cercle Francais.
Ambition: To study in France and become
an artist or designer.



SHIRLEY MAY MOSS
N. A. A. C. P.; Chorus; Band; Chronicle Staff;
Y. W. C. A.
Ambition: To be successful in anything I do.



RUTH ELAINE NOWLIN
"Lannie"

Dunbarian Staff; Y. W. C. A.; N. A. A. C. P.;
Chronicle; Office Helper.
Ambition: To be successful as a registered
nurse.



JOHN MOSES ORGAN, JR.
"Archie"

Football; Basketball; Chorus; Dramatic Club;
Chronicle; Y. M. C. A.; Student Council;
Coed.
Ambition: To attend school or go into the
service.



YVONNE JOSEPHINE PAYNE
"Bonnie"

Cheerleader; Chorus; F.B.L.A.; N. A. A. C. P.
Ambition: To be successful in all my under-
takings.



ROBERT HENRY PRESTON
 "Bobby"
 N. A. A. C. P.; Y. M. C. A.
 Ambition: To become an interior decorator.



ETHEL REEVES
 Ambition: To be successful in all undertakings.



GARFIELD ELLIS REYNOLDS
 Y. M. C. A.



ERNEST EUGENE ROBEY
 Y. M. C. A.; Football.
 Ambition: To become an interior decorator.



CHARLIE THOMAS ROSS
 "Bro"
 Negro History Club; Junior Varsity;
 N. A. A. C. P.; Intramural Basketball;
 Y. M. C. A.
 Ambition: To become a special agent for
 the F. B. I.



GLORIA ANN SCOTT
 Dunbarian Staff; F. B. L. A.; Y. W. C. A.;
 Chronicle Staff.
 Ambition: To be an efficient stenographer



VIRGINIA REBECCA SHELTON
 "Shello"
 Chorus; Chronicle; N. A. A. C. P.; F. B. L. A.;
 Dunbarian Staff.
 Ambition: To major in Business Administra-
 tion.



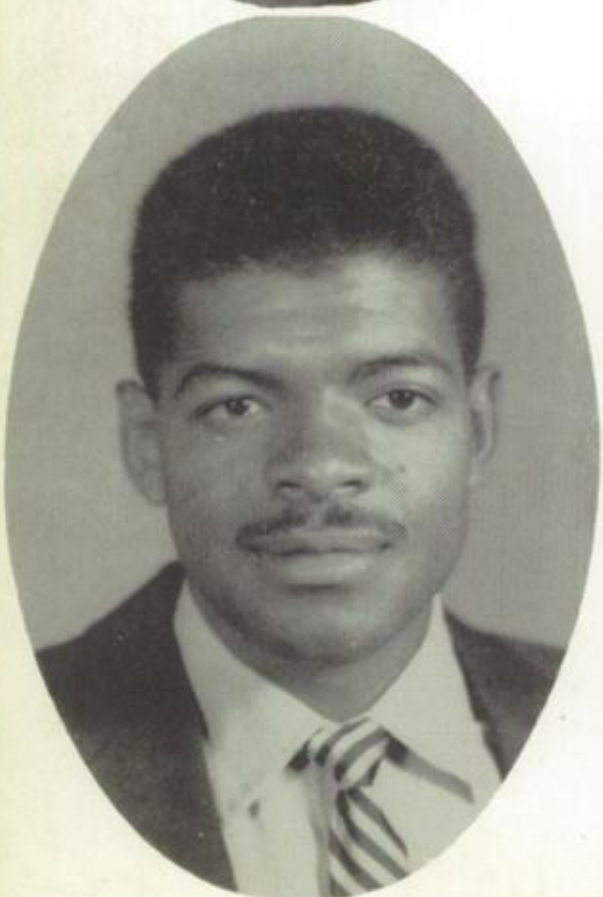
WILLIAM MCKINLEY SHELTON
 Chorus; Dunbar Theater Guild; Le Cercle
 Francais; Band; N. A. A. C. P.
 Ambition: To be successful in the field of
 music or to be an architect.



LEVONNE DUVAL STAMPS
 "The Leo"
 J. V. Basketball; N. A. A. C. P.; Y. M. C. A.
 Ambition: To be successful in life.



ELIZABETH REBECCA STONE
 Band; Y. W. C. A.; Annual Staff; Chronicle
 Staff; Office Helper.
 Ambition: To become a nurse or physical
 education teacher.



WAVERLY DUVAL TALIAFERRO
 Football; Patrol Force; Annual Staff; F. B. L. A.;
 N. A. A. C. P.; Projectionist Club.



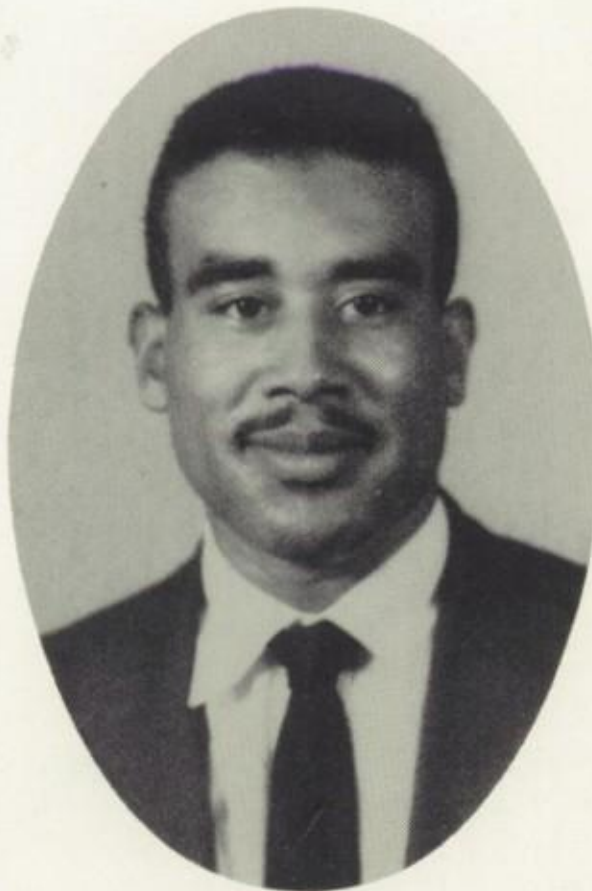
SHIRLEY MAY TWEEDY
 "Tweet Tweedy"
 N. H. A.; Basketball Team; Girls' Tumbling
 Team.
 Ambition: To be a seamstress.



WILBERT WADE
Patrol Force; Basketball;
N. A. A. C. P.; Y. M. C. A.
Ambition: To be a preacher.



DOROTHY YVONNE WALLER
"Honey Dew"
Le Cercle Francais; Y-Teen; Dra-
matic Club; Girls' Basketball.
Ambition: To be successful in my
undertakings.



CURTIS WASHINGTON
Ambition: To become an engineer.



HENRY WHITE
"Costellani"
Junior N. A. A. C. P.; Y. M. C. A.;
Chorus; Negro History Club; Intra-
mural Basketball.
Ambition: To be successful in life,
and all my undertakings.



GEORGE DONALD WILLIAMS
N. A. A. C. P.; Chronicle Staff;
Y. M. C. A.; Negro History Club.
Ambition: With God's help to be a
successful elementary teacher and
attend Virginia Seminary and Col-
lege.

Class History

It was a rainy day in September nineteen hundred and fifty one, when approximately one hundred and fifty startled Freshmen entered Dunbar. The changing of classes and the extra-curricular activities seemed almost unreal to some of these green Freshmen.

However, after initiation and orientation we, as Freshmen, began to get down to business. Our Freshman Class officers were President, Viola Everett; Vice-President, John Organ; Secretary, Clara Holmes; Assistant Secretary, George Harris; Business Manager, Donald Hubbard and Reporters for the Chronicle, John Miller and Shirley Carter.

During our freshman year we sponsored the Freshman Pre-Easter Ball, using the proceeds to purchase an electric eraser cleaner for our Alma Mater.

Due to promotion we were Sophomores in nineteen hundred and fifty two. Our Sophomore Class officers were President, Mitchell Cunningham; Vice-President, Loretta McCorry; Secretary, Freddie Cunningham; Assistant Secretary, June Parrish; Treasurer, Waddell Thomas; Business Manager, Donald Hubbard and Class Reporter, Jean Reid.

In our Junior year we sponsored the Annual Junior-Senior Prom. The officers for the Junior Class were President, Charles McCain; Vice-President, Henry White; Secretary, Freddie Cunningham; Assistant Secretary, Doris Edmonds; Treasurer, Warwick Scott; Business Manager, Elva Kidd; and Class Reporter, John Miller.

And now, as Seniors we are ready to leave our Alma Mater. After remaining in dear ole Dunbar for four years there are many of us who have made contributions to many school activities.

In sports John Organ, John Irvine, George Harris, Charles Abbott, Duval Miller, Charles McCain, Waverly Taliaferro, John Miller, Stewart Brown, George Green, Waddell Thomas, Thomas Mack, and Clarence Irvine have helped to put our school in the spotlight.

Jean Irvine, Ramona Johns, Samuel Franklin, Harold Douglas, William Shelton, Delores Ferguson, Loretta McCorry, George Harris, John Organ, Yvonne Payne, Lacy Blair, John Hamlett, Waddell Thomas, Charles Abbott, and LuVern Christian contributed their melodious voices to the chorus.

Waddell Thomas, Jean Irvine, Lacy Blair, Ramona Johns, Elizabeth Stone will leave vacancies in the band.

The National Honor Society pin is worn by Jean Irvine, Lacy Blair, and Freddie Cunningham for their scholastic achievements.

The Patrol Force lists six vacant beats left by John Irvine, Waverly Taliaferro, Waddell Thomas, Wilbert Wade, Warwick Scott and Clarence Irvine.

Those who cheered our team to victory were Shirley Gray, Loretta McCorry, Grace Jenerson, Elva Kidd, Gwendolyn Lee, Freddie Cunningham, and Doris Edmonds.

Other outstanding achievements include Charles McCain, 1951-1952 May King; Gwendolyn Lee, Red Cross representative for four years; Samuel Franklin and Freddie Cunningham have been listed on the Honor Roll continuously; Jean Reid, Editor-in-Chief of the Annual and Samuel Franklin, Editor-in-Chief of the Chronicle.

By: Freddie Cunningham

Words:
B. Anderson
D. Ferguson
J. Miller

Class Song of "55"

Music:
George Root



I

Dunbar you've been a place
Where we've learned to work and play.
So just before we leave you
Here is what we want to say.

II

We leave our hopes behind
That you climb the upward way.
And lead striving families,
Up to their departing day.

III

This class of Fifty-five
As we leave can truly say,
You've given us a start
To help us along our way.

CHORUS

We've enjoyed our stay with you
And we hope to meet again.
Thank you for your faculty,
And the kind and helping hand.

FLOWER: Red Rose MOTTO: "Climb though the rocks be rugged."

COLOR: Charcoal grey and pink

Reunion of Class of 1955

If you can catch a jet propelled imagination beam, you can accompany me on a quick journey into the future-ten years hence to be exact. The time is late spring of 1965; the place, the multi-million dollar C. W. Seay High School Auditorium here in dear ole Lynchburg. The occasion is "Old Home Week" for the members of the June, 1955 graduating class of Dunbar High School. Invitations were sent to all members of the class urging each to participate in the week of celebration, with special emphasis on the events of this night when there is to be held a special program on which the performers are all to be graduates of the 1955 class.

I hurried to get here early in order that I might see everyone as they enter. The huge crowd is assembling slowly; however, the auditorium is nearly filled. Many guests are still arriving; I can recognize many of them as they enter. To be sure, great surprises are in store for those who attend.

As I look among the audience, I see many of my old school mates. Some are steadily climbing the ladder of success while others are already at the top.

Seated in one group is Jean Reid, Gloria Scott, and Virginia Shelton dressed in most elaborate gowns styled by Levi Morris and Francis Moorman. Moorman and Morris are doing so well that they have three efficient secretaries, Lu Vern Christian, Bernice McCain and Elizabeth Stone.

My eyes are now on Freddie Cunningham. She is still enjoying her school work and doing it to the best of her ability for she is a kindergarten teacher at the Samuel Franklin Elementary School.

Seated near Freddie is Ramona Johns. After receiving her Ph. D. Degree, Ramona went to work. She is now the Dean of Women at an all girl college where men can't even get a drink of water; therefore, she is still an old maid.

John Irvine is now married and also coach of a great football team. There are quite a few stars of his team from our class. They are George Harris, John Organ, Stewart Brown, Waverly Taliaferro, and Charles McCain.

Waddell Thomas is up in the balcony wide awake. He is looking for some of his old class mates. He is now author of "How to Sleep in Civics Class and Get By". Assisting him in securing his material were Elmore Dickey and Carroll Anderson.

I have just received some news from a fellow student. As a physical education teacher, Charles Abbott wears a different colored pair of khakis everyday. If you would like to secure some, stop at Henry White's Men's Store.

Sitting on the front row are Phyllis Clark, Ethel Reeves, Ruth Nowlin and Sarah Henry--now members of the "Old Maid's Club". In their club house you will find signs all around saying "No Bachelors Allowed".

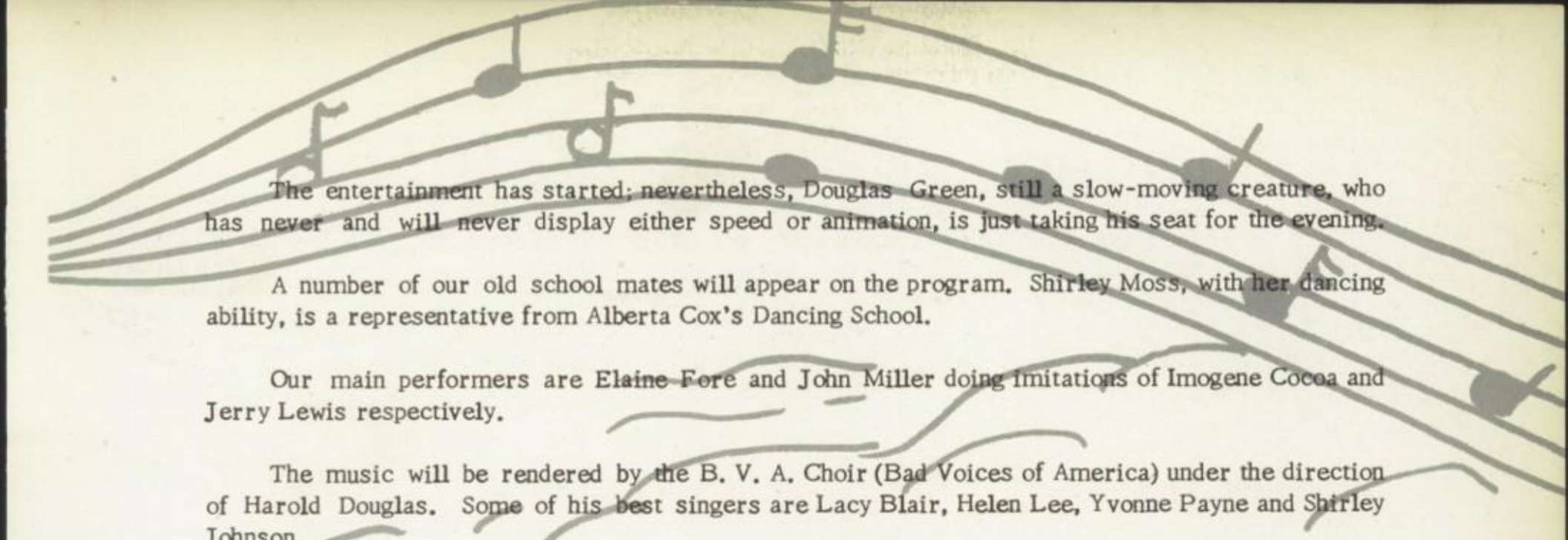
Jean Irvine is making sure everyone will hear everything that goes on. She is now manager of the Irvine Hearing Aid Company. In our school days she could never hear what you were saying.

Mitchell Cunningham and Robert Davis, the great makers of Charles Ross Cabinets, are also in the audience.

Our great sports announcer is here to help us celebrate also. He has learned how to talk very clearly now. Of course you know his name is Levonne Stamps.

The people of this city witnessed a very good basketball game this week. The high school team for girls is coached by Dorothy Waller and Shirley Tweedy.

Ernest Robey is now trying to invent a hat. By being owner of a barber shop, he gets a hair cut weekly.



The entertainment has started; nevertheless, Douglas Green, still a slow-moving creature, who has never and will never display either speed or animation, is just taking his seat for the evening.

A number of our old school mates will appear on the program. Shirley Moss, with her dancing ability, is a representative from Alberta Cox's Dancing School.

Our main performers are Elaine Fore and John Miller doing imitations of Imogene Cocoa and Jerry Lewis respectively.

The music will be rendered by the B. V. A. Choir (Bad Voices of America) under the direction of Harold Douglas. Some of his best singers are Lacy Blair, Helen Lee, Yvonne Payne and Shirley Johnson.

The clothes are styles which come from the Beverley Anderson Fashion Book. The fashion editor of this book is Gwendolyn Lee.

I have just received word that William Shelton will be a little late but he will bring his private secretary, Nona Braxton, with him.

Loretta McCory is having a party for all of the class members at her restaurant immediately after this program. Her cook is George Williams with Carolyn Jordan and Pauline McDaniel as waitresses. The special diet she made for Gracie Miller, Delores Ferguson and Shirley Carter is "Reduce While You Eat".

I notice that there are still many classmates missing. However, I've been told that most of them are driving cars designed by George Green and Arthur Booker and manufactured by the Ezra Morris Company. No wonder that they have not yet arrived. I understand that the mechanics from Robert Preston's Garage are now rushing to their rescue.

After I finish my performance on stage, I shall join the others at Loretta's Restaurant.

--Freida Harris



We, the class of nineteen hundred and fifty-five being about to leave this sphere, in full possession of a sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish this OUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by us at any time heretofore made.

Item-1 To our dear school, that has so effectively served humanity through the years, we pledge our unwavering loyalty as long as there is a Dunbar High School.

Item-2 To the faculty, we do will and bequeath our sincere thanks and appreciation for their untiring efforts and useful service and especially the part of which we ourselves have fortunately partaken.

Item-3 To our fellow schoolmates whom we leave behind, we will and bequeath our desire for higher heights in the educational field.

Item-4 The members of the Class of 1955 do hereby make the following personal wills:

Jeanette Jackson and Jean Reid leave their dramatic ability to Jimmie Turner and Janet Hill.
Lavern Christian leaves her form to Jean Powell.
To Alpha Coles, Shirley Moss leaves her only love.

Grace Jenerson leaves her extra-curricular activities to Elizabeth Hale.
To Elizabeth McDaniel, Ella Mae Isabell leaves her quietness.
Nona Braxton leaves Tom Preston to Cynthia Withers in her most faithful care.

Robert Davis and Charles Ross leave their neatness to all the untidy boys.
Dorothy Waller leaves her dancing ability to Alice Franklin.
Bernice McCain leaves her walk to Joyce Elliott.
Mitchell Cunningham leaves his position as the "lover" to Fred Scott.
John Organ and George Harris will their athletic ability to Richard Hicks and Ernest Burford.

In addition to these enforced gifts we leave, not of necessity but of our own free will, our blessings and a pledge of friendship from henceforth and forever more. And we do hereby constitute and appoint Dunbar High School's faculty and students sole executors of this OUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

**In witness
Thereof**

we the class of 1955, the testators, have to this our will, written on parchment, set our hand and seal, this tenth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

Grace Geneva Jenerson



Y. B. WILLIAMS
Music



E. J. BOWMAN
Publicity



P. F. WEEDEN
Dress



O. WASHINGTON
Dress



C. PINN
Float



JORDAN
Chairman of Senior Sponsors



B. W. EDLEY
Dress



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Float and
Transportation



N. O. WHITE
Scenery

Senior Sponsors

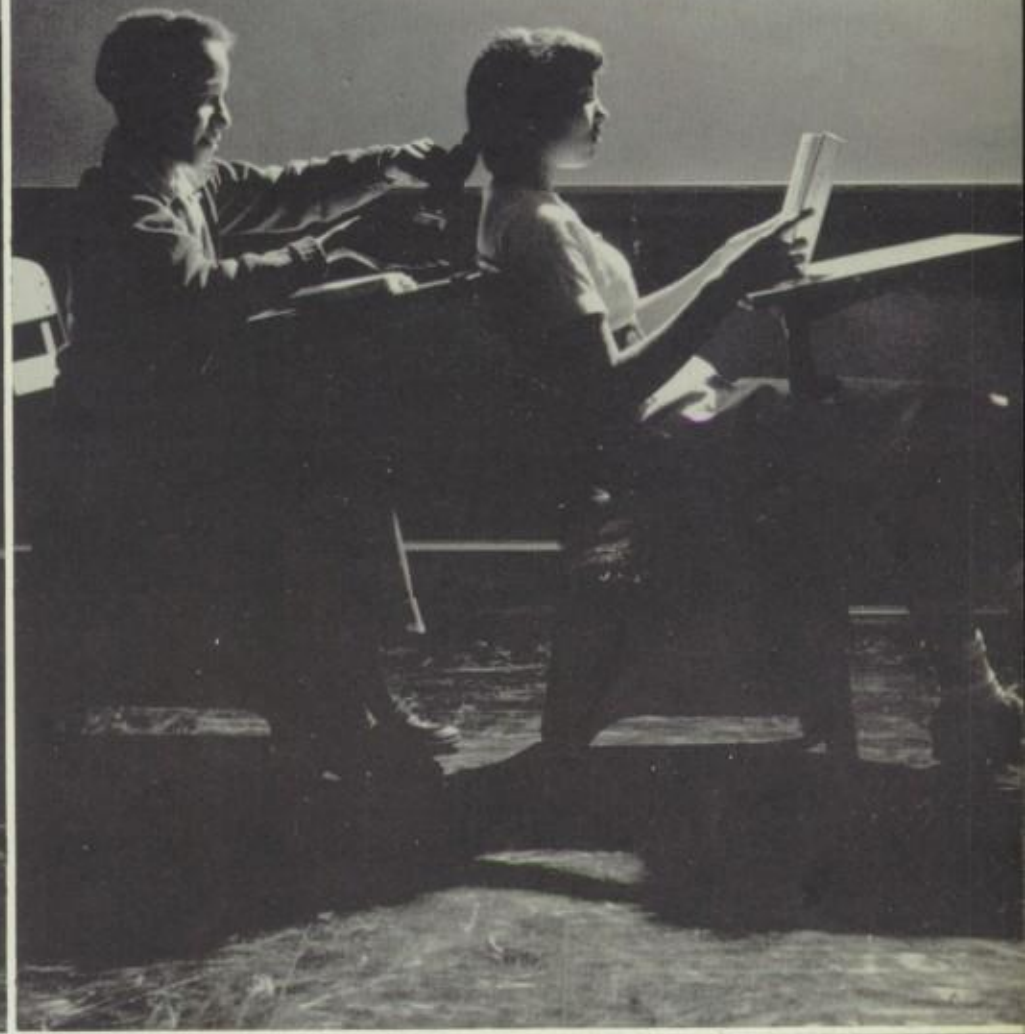
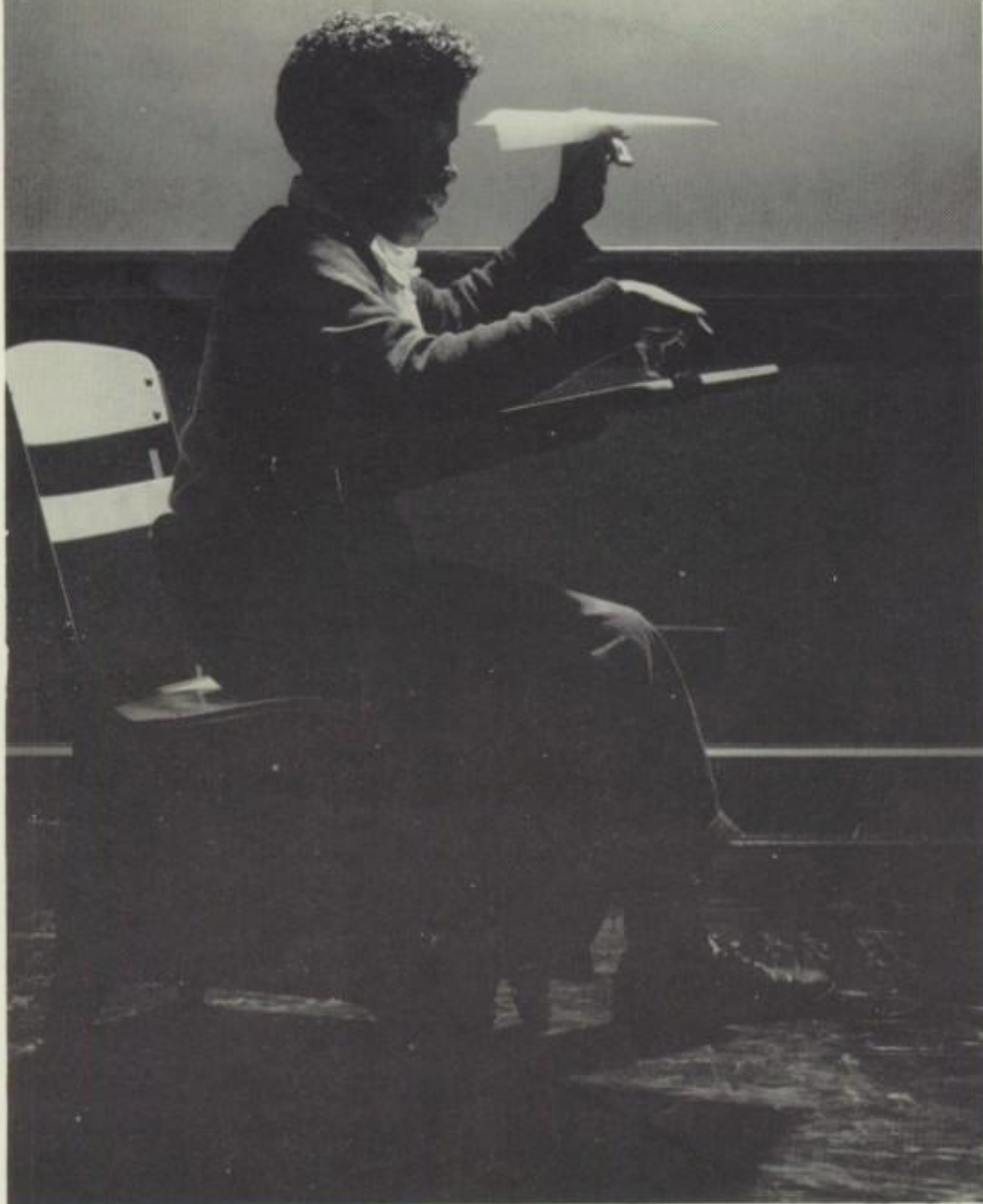


H. S. FERGUSON
Rings

?? Guess Who ??



Underclassmen



✓ James Allen

Constance Anderson

Laura Anderson

Marjorie Anderson



Welton Bass

✓ Alvin Banks

✓ Hayes Banks

Carey Blair



Claudette Blair

Leon Braswell

✓ James Brown

Lloyd Bradley



Oscar Booker

Shirley Calloway

Benjamin Carter

Merlean Carter



Elaine Caul

Evelyn Chambers

Joyce Claiborne

Norman Clarke



Bettie Cunningham

Margaret Cunningham

✓ Odessa Dabney

Marion Douglas



✓ Barbara Early

Mary Eubanks

David Evans

Sadie Farrow





Bobbette Greene

Harmon Glover

Phillip Harris

Raymond Holmes



Paul Humbles

Edwin Hull

Clarence Irvine

Ernestine Jackson



Carolyn Johnson

Delores Johnson

James Johnson

Ida Johnson



Ruth Johnson

Avis Jones

Dorothy Jones

Lillian Jones



Jean Jones

Edna Jones

Edward Jones

Marion Langhorne



Hilda Lee

Leroy Mack

Barbara Marshall

Ernest Marshall



Raymond Manns

Barbara Medley

Jean Miller

Ernest Mosby —

Odessa Mosby

Theresa Mosby

Stuart Moore

Reginald Nash



John Noble

Jimmie Norman

Mary Oglesby

Marva Parker



Walter Parrish

Bertha Payne

Mildren Payne

Marion Perry



Loretta Preston

✓ John Pryor

Alma Pullen

Robert Reaves



Lillian Reeves

Marie Reid

Roger Reid

Beatrice Reid



Barbara Reynolds

Geraldine Saunders

Juanita Shelton

Joan Spencer



William Spencer

✓ Warwick Scott

Mary Thomas

John Thurman





Mildred Tweedy



Monica Tyler



Clifton Turner



Dorothy Ward



Madlyn White



Eunice Williams



Helen Williams



Georgia Wilson



Wyatt Wilson



✓ Ernestine Wood



Betty York



We must get to class on time.

A Study Of



We are cafeteria bound.



Where are you going, Sophomores?

Sophomores



What's better than a plain pose?



"Tis Education forms the common mind;





" Just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined. "



CLASS POET
Joan Wilson

MOST BRILLIANT
Lucille Withers
Robert Betts



TALLEST
Bessie
Eggleston
Calvin
Jones

PRESIDENT - Edna Featherston

SECRETARY - Bernice Thomas

TREASURER - James Jones

BUSINESS MANAGER - Janet Brown

REPORTER - Frances Brown

Sub-Fres



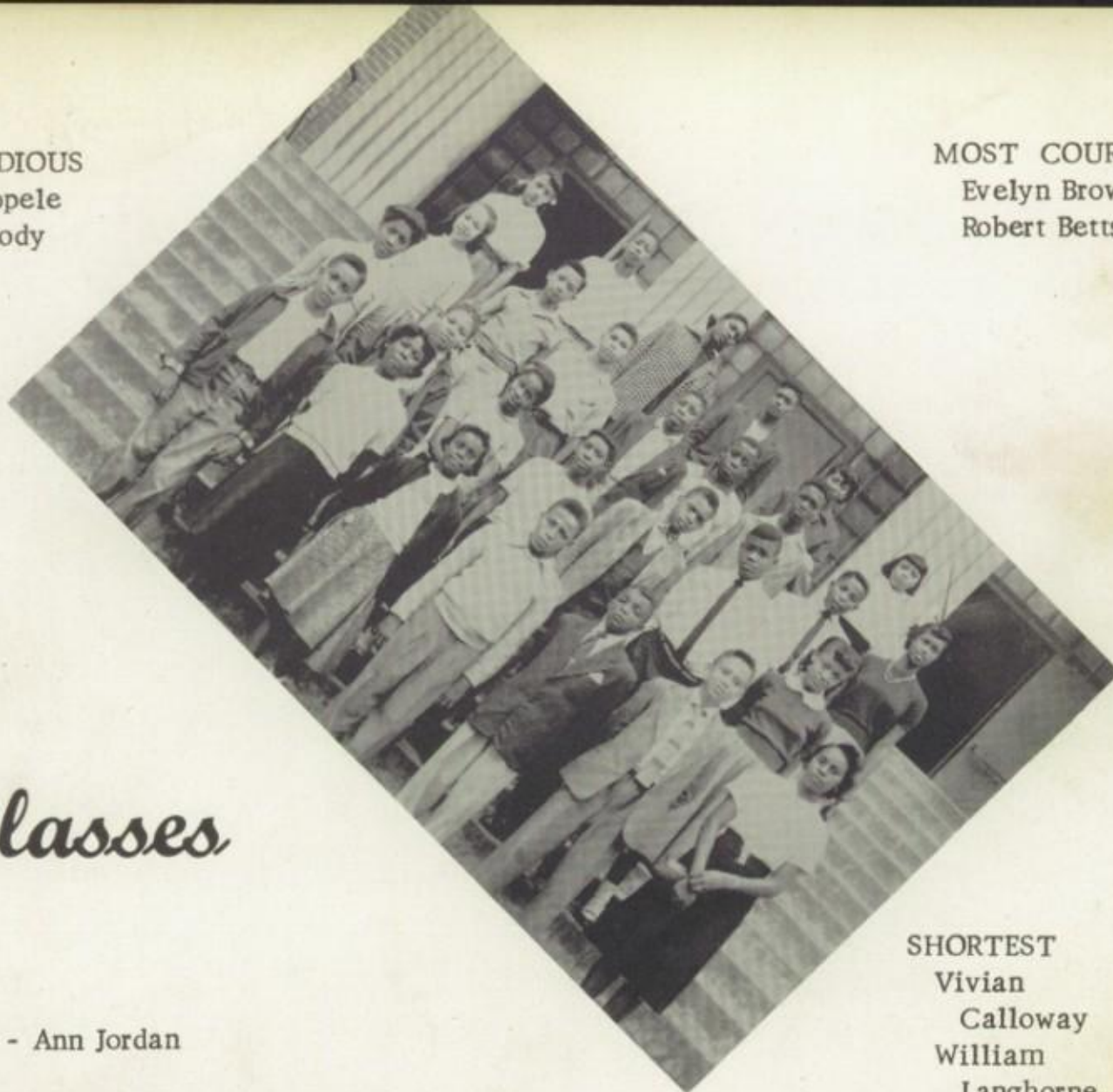
MOST PLAYFUL
Bernice Woodman
Frank Johnson



BEST
Gwendlyn Anderson

MOST STUDIOUS
Betty Chappele
James Canody

MOST COURTEOUS
Evelyn Brown
Robert Betts



Human Classes

VICE-PRESIDENT - Ann Jordan

ASSISTANT SECRETARY - Kathryn Kimbrough

SHORTEST
Vivian
Calloway
William
Langhorne



BESTLOOKING
Doretha Arter
Rubin McCoy



DRESSED
Howard Johnson

Our Underclassmen

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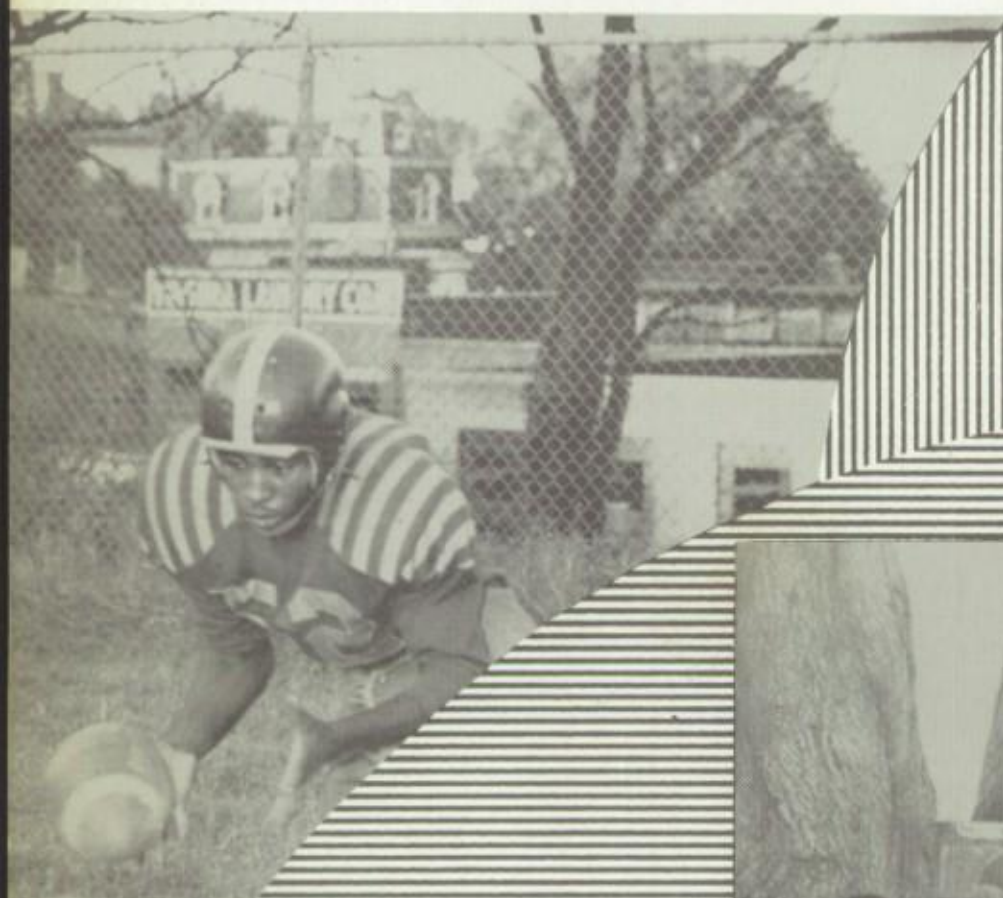
Sports





Football

The Dunbar High School football team
 ended and small players, but they hit



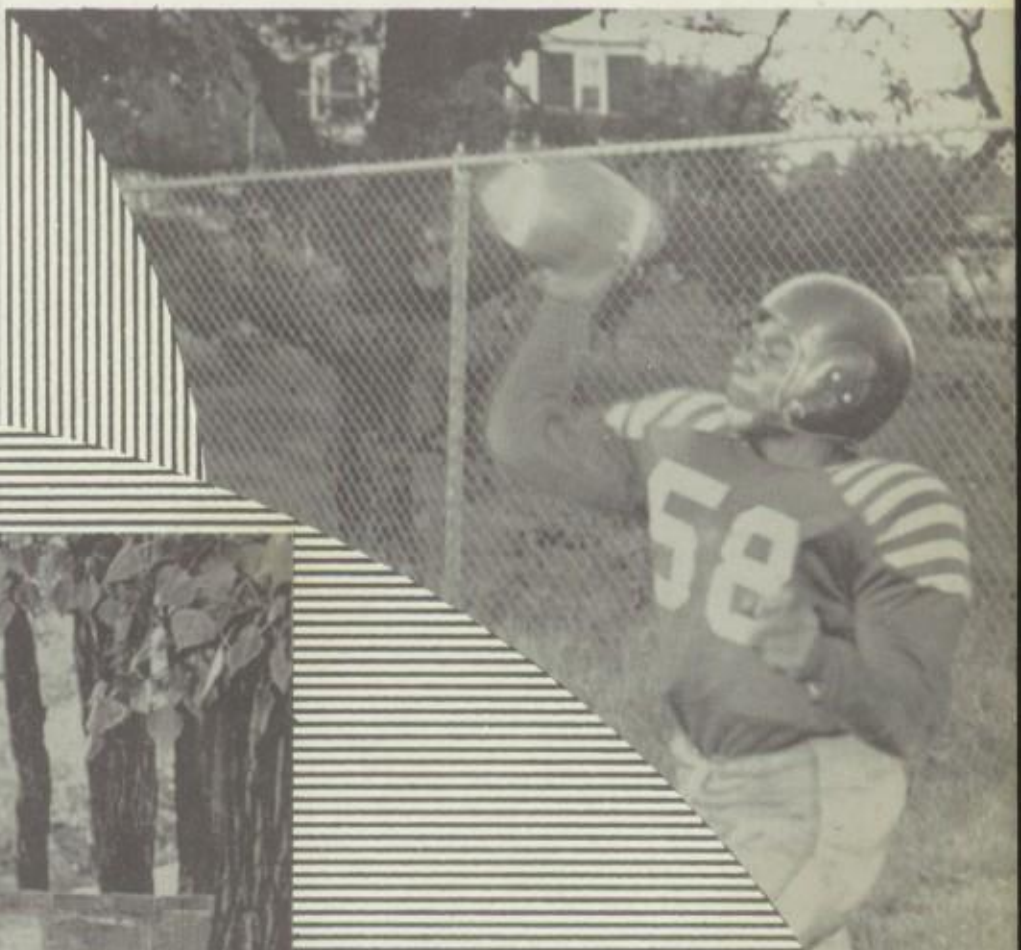
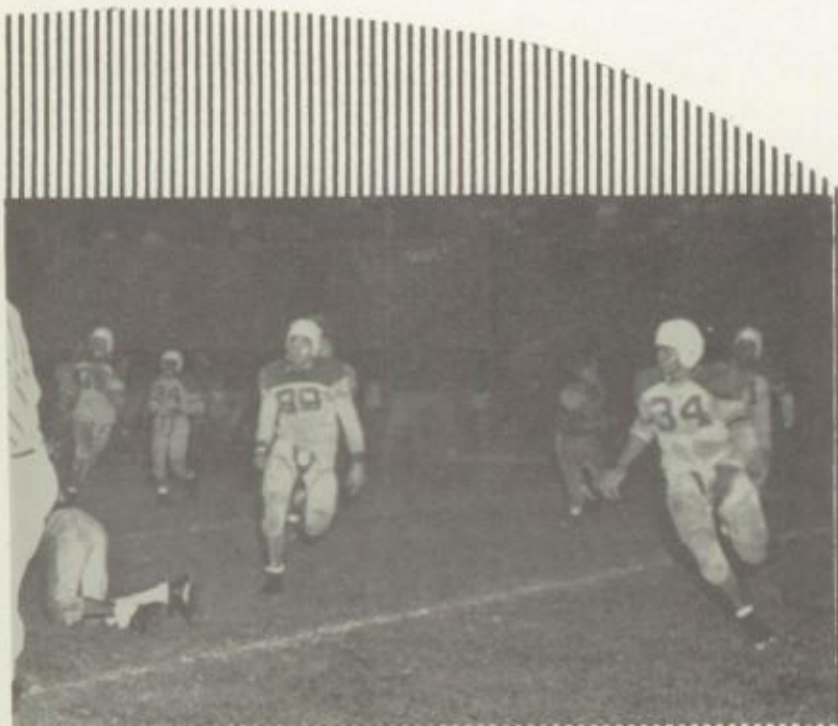
Dunbar 25
 Dunbar 19
 Dunbar 33
 Dunbar 12

Carver 12
 Peabody 6
 Langston 12
 Huntington 50

The Schedule

Team

opened the season with very inexperienced
very hard and played heads-up football.



For -1954

Dunbar	6
Dunbar	0
Dunbar	14
Dunbar	6
Dunbar	0

Norcom	35
Addison	0
Maggie Walker	6
Burley	26
Christianburg Institute	25

Intra-murals



Members of the Intramural Team are Phillip Harris, Stuart Moore - Captain, Alfred Cunningham, Leroy Hawkins, David Evan. The Coach-Manager is John Noble.

Intramurals is an outgrowth of the physical education program and is open to all girls in school, whether they are enrolled in physical education classes or not. Basketball is the main competitive game with the tournament being held in the spring. Table tennis and volley ball also draw much enthusiasm.

Track Team



They are Champs

The 1954 Dunbar Poets, making a clean sweep of all first places in the Running Events, won the Western District Track Meet. Second third and fourth places were won by Addison, Langston and Carver Fieldale respectively.

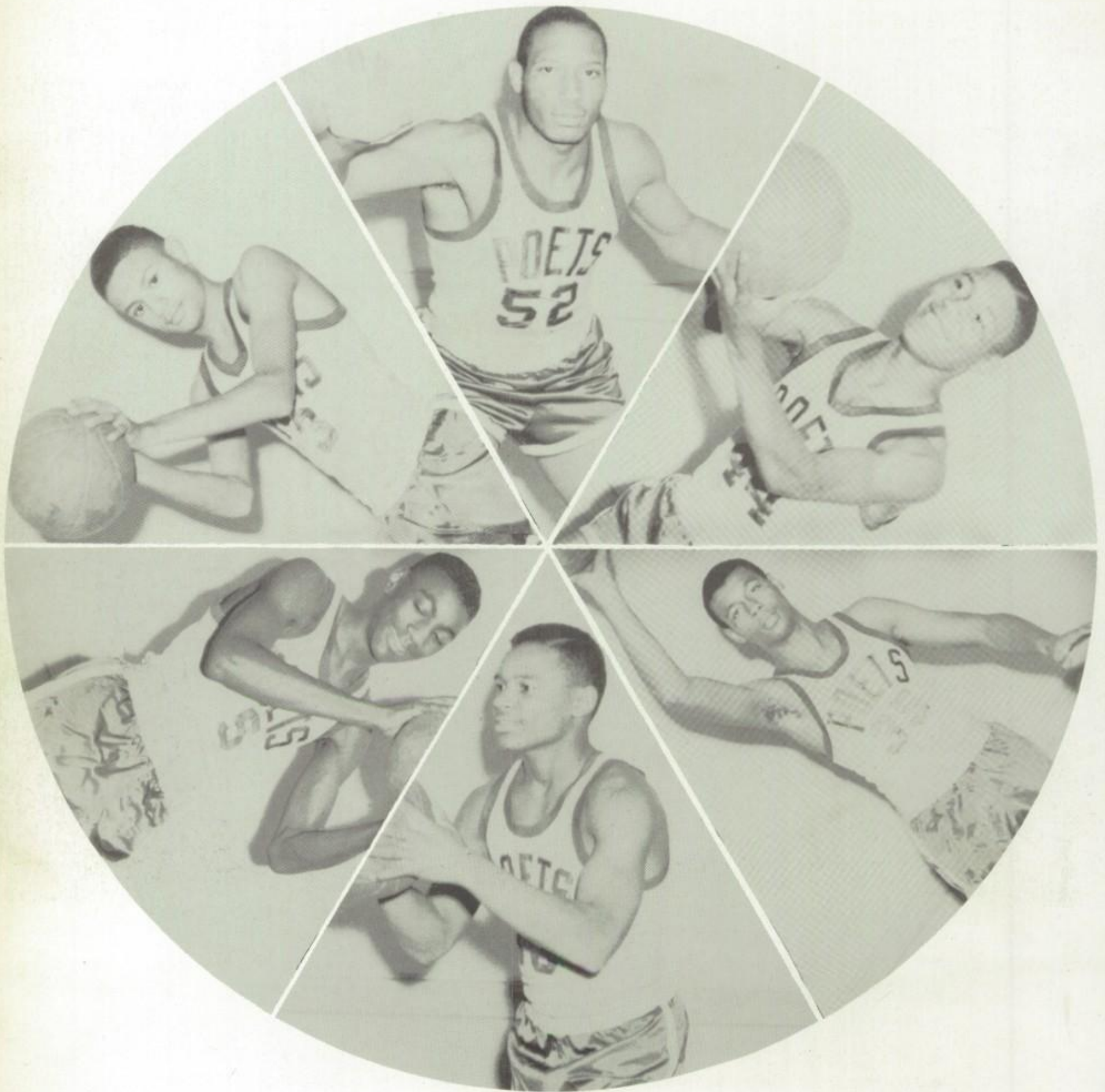
KNEELING, Left to Right are:

Fred Scott, Thomas Mack, James Brown, Hayes Banks, William Spencer.

STANDING: James Allen, Thomas Harris, Henry Hubbard, John Pride, Ernest Mosby,

Clyde Minor.

Varsity Team

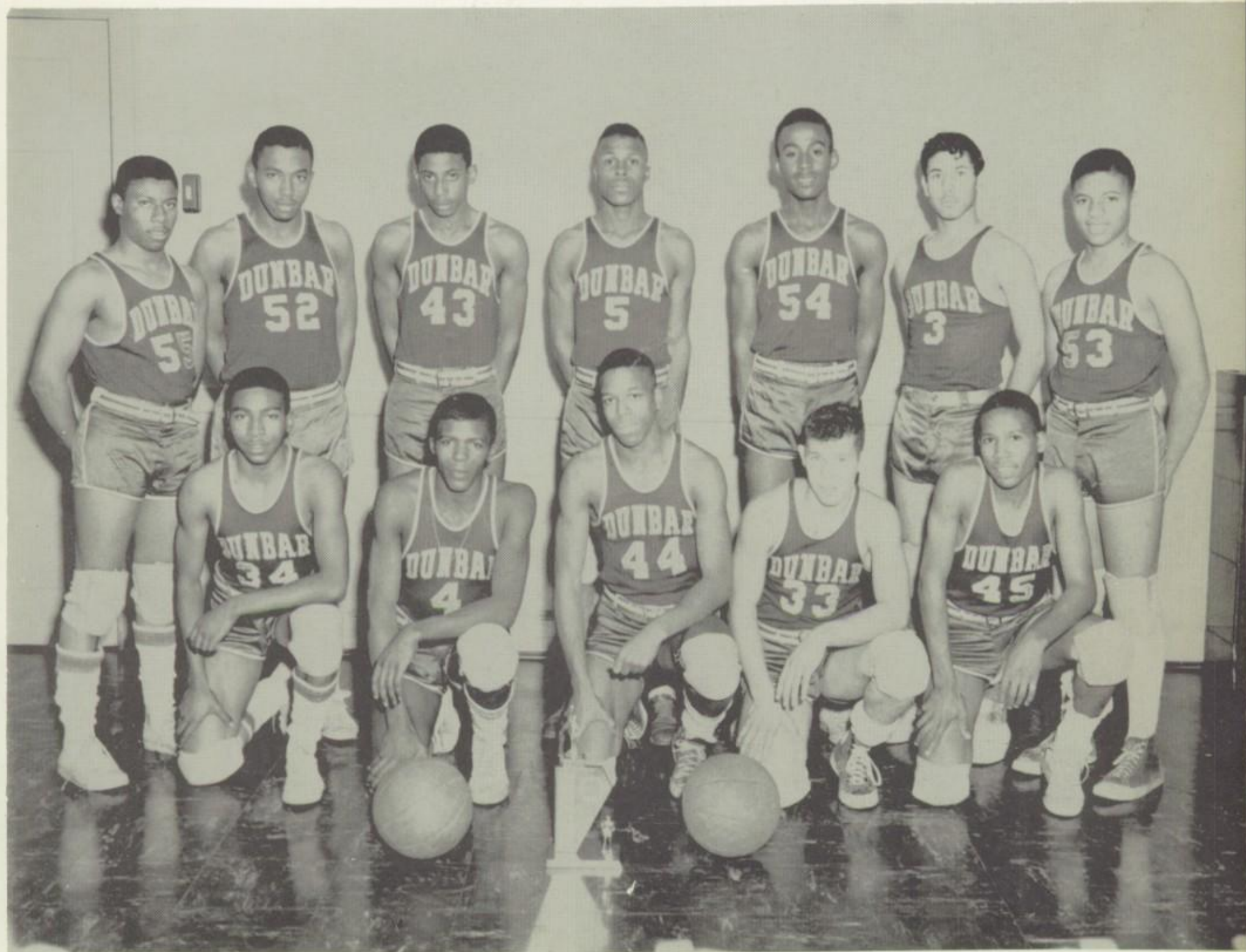


The Dunbar Varsity went through the 1953-54 season with much success, losing only five of their twenty games.

In the Western District Tournament the Poets advanced to the Semi-Finals where they were defeated by the Langston Lions. The score was 43 - 42.

In the State Tournament the Poets were again defeated in the Semi-Finals by the I. C. Norcum Grayhounds.

1954 Western District Champions



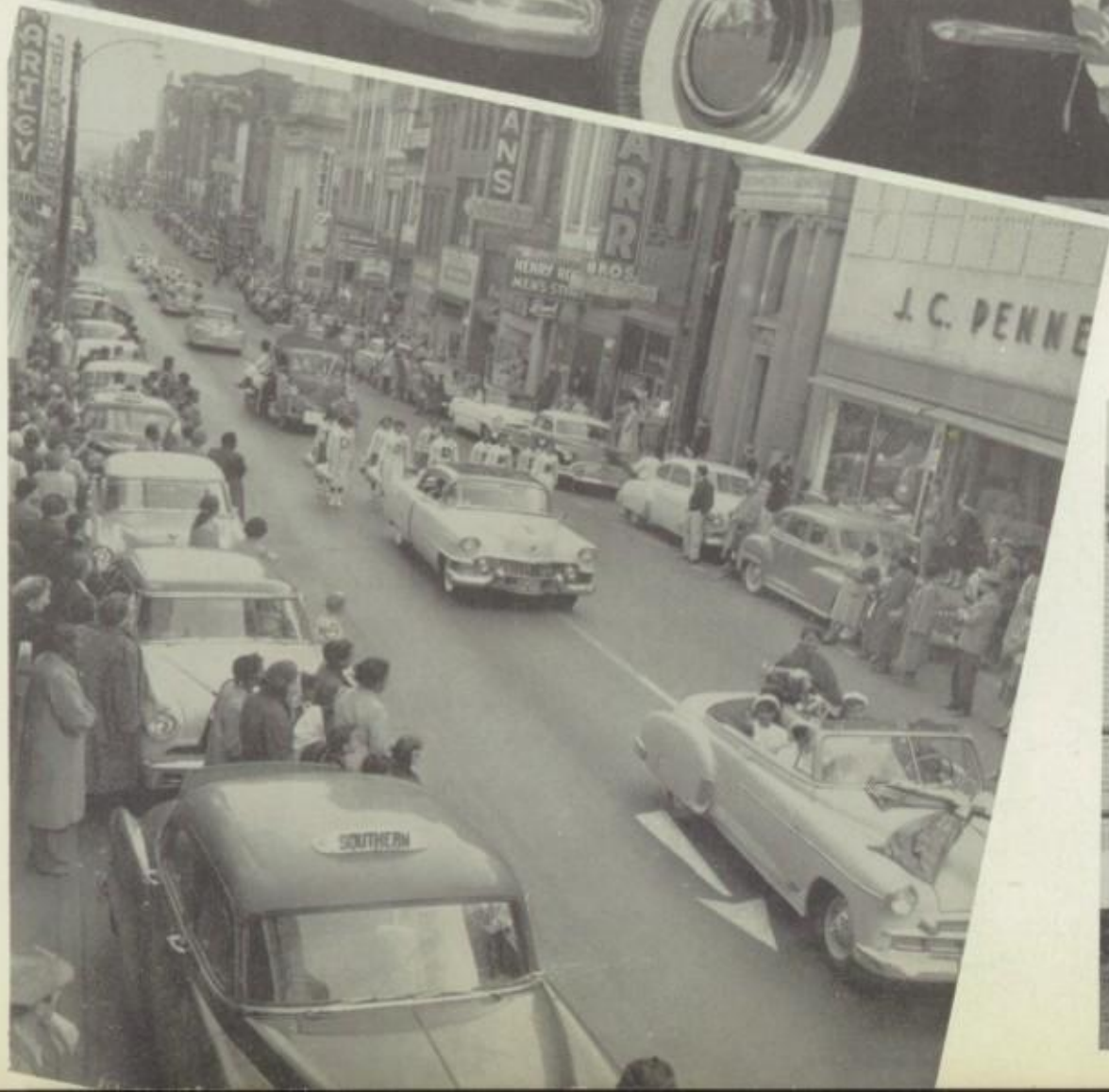
The Dunbar Junior Varsity known as the "Baby Poets" had a very victorious season losing only one conference game and winning the Western District J. V. tournament.

The members of the team are standing left to right: Benjamin Carter, James Allen, Alphonso Hawkins, Randolph Davis, Clifton Turner, Harold Graves, and Graham Jennings. Kneeling: Clarence Irvine, John Thurman, Co-Captain; Thomas Harris, Co-Captain; Carlton Ferguson and Robert Mc Cory.

Miss Dunbar . .



and Homecoming...



Our Tennis Champions



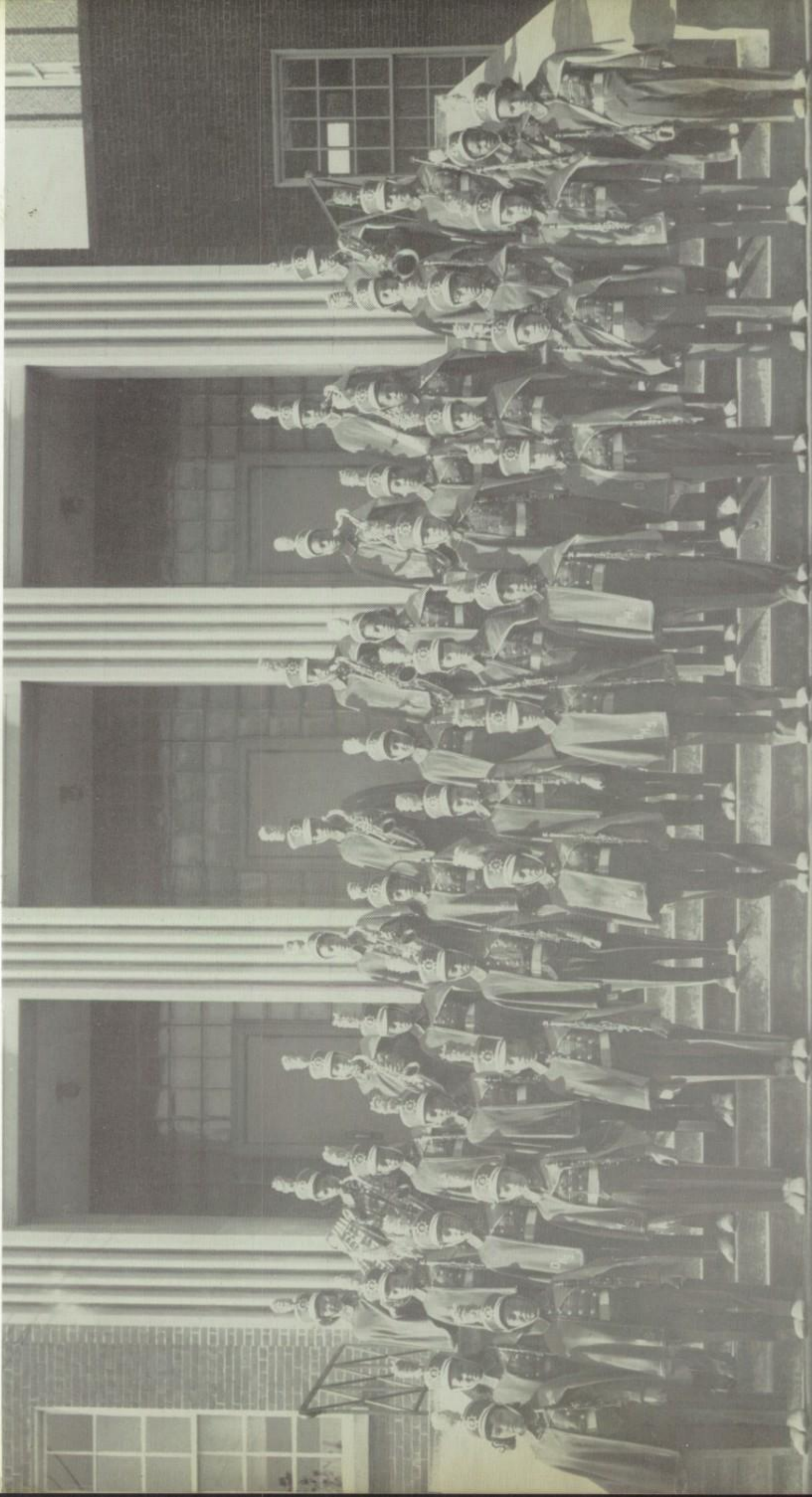
The Tennis team has gained recognition at Dunbar along with the top athletic teams. For the past four years it has established a good record for itself.

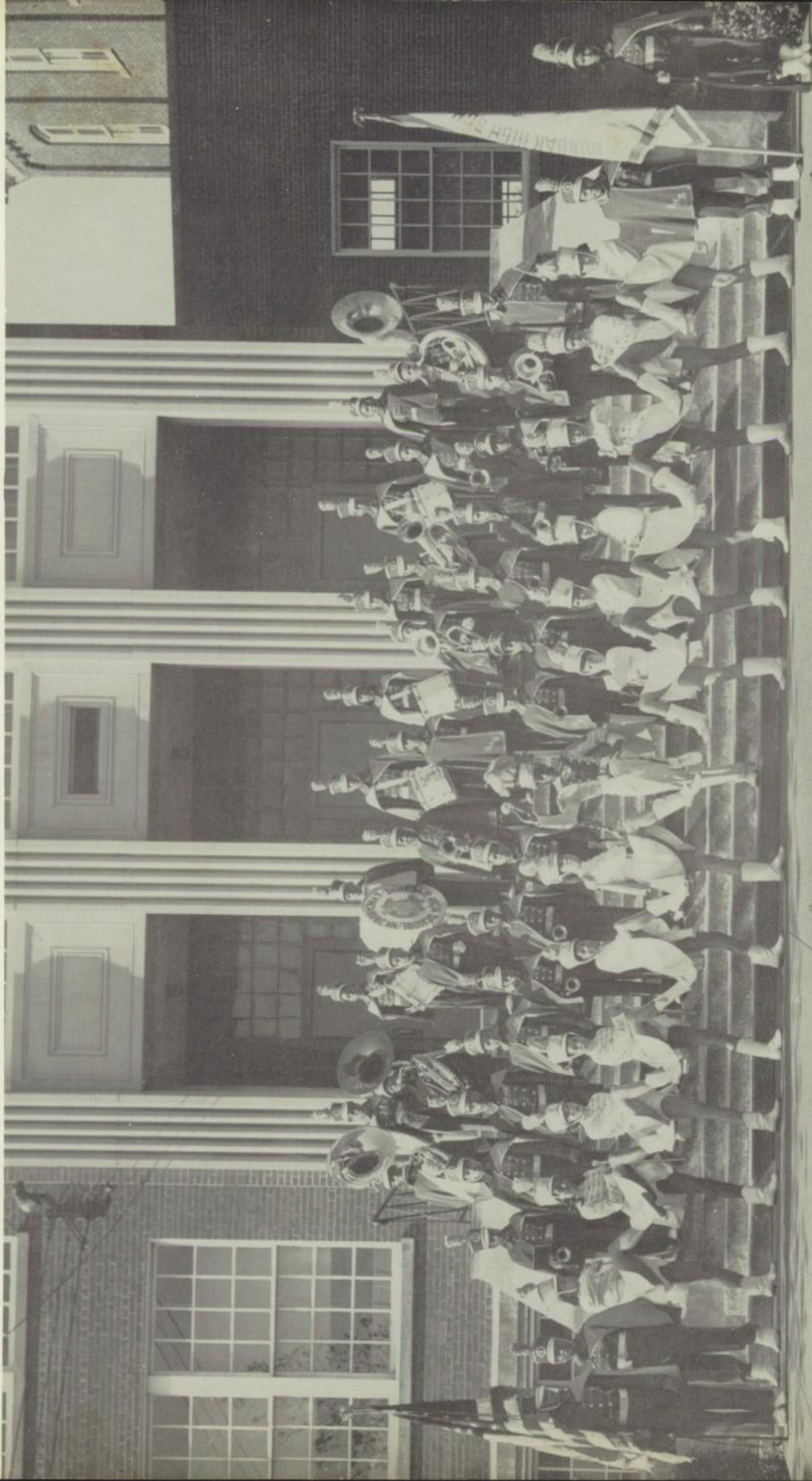
Few trophies were won this year for bad weather prevailed during all of the tournaments which the team attended. Members of the team are Shirley Calloway, Theressa Mosby, Cora Organ, Jean Reid, Ernest Mosby and George Harris. Coach: Mr. Carl Pinn.



Organizations





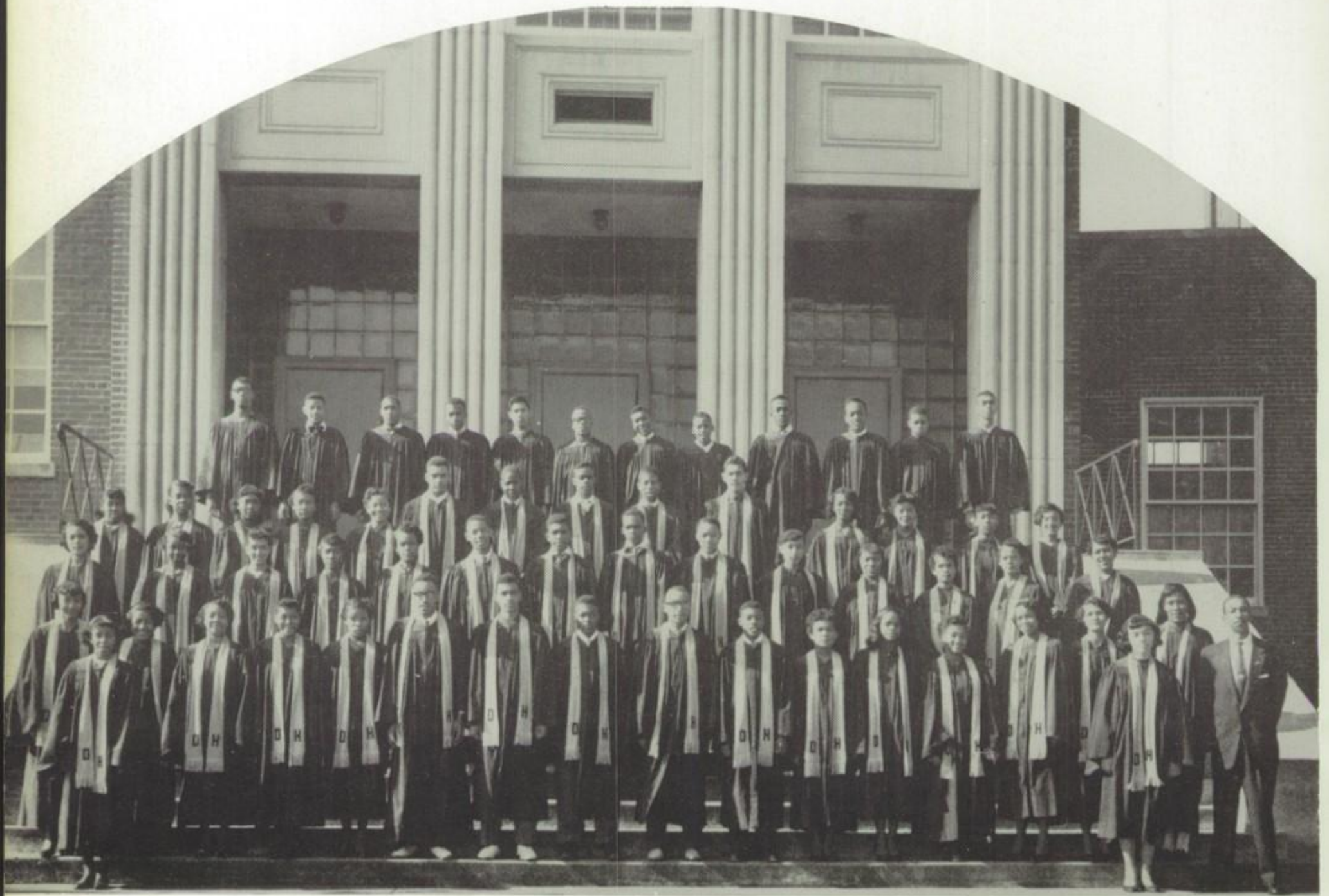


Band

The Dunbar High School Band holds a very high and honorable position in the Dunbar Family. It has brought many ratings and outstanding creditable remarks to the school. Being one of the important organizations in the school, the band has added much gaiety and spirit to our football games at home and away. It has also added to our local and state parades.



CHORUS



President	Waddell Thomas
Vice-President	James Allen
Secretary	Madlyn White
Assistant Secretary	Claudette Blair
Librarians	Joyce Elliott
	Helen Lee
Student Director	Ernest Mosby
Director	Mr. Y. B. Williams

"Music is the harmonious voice of creation; an echo of the invisible world; one note of the divine concord which the entire universe is destined to sound."

Mazzini

The Patrol Force



We feel that the Patrol Force is a very worthwhile organization. The force, sponsored by Mr. O. M. Washington, Mr. H. S. Ferguson, and Mr. N. O. White, helps to keep order around the school. Some of their functions are helping schoolmates across streets, keeping order in assembly programs, and aiding in the seating of students. The members are also in the Projectionists' Club.

The squad is composed of the following: Waverly Taliaferro, Captain; John Irvine, Lieutenant; Warwick Scott, Lieutenant; Waddell Thomas, Sergeant; and David Evans, Clarence Irvine, Herbert Ferguson, James Lee, Roger Banks, Wilbert Wade, and Carey Blair.

Negro History Club



The Luther P. Jackson History Club was organized for the purpose of creating interest in Negro History. One of the major projects of the club is the sponsoring of Negro History Week Celebration. The present officers are: President, Raymond Holmes; Vice-President, Waddell Thomas; Secretary, Alberta Cox; Assistant Secretary, Jimmie Turner; and Business Manager, Henry White. Current topics concerning the Negro are discussed at regular club meetings.

The above picture shows Raymond Holmes, President, leading a discussion on a current topic.

Playmakers



N.B.

The Playmakers are interested in the study and art of acting. During the four years of its organization, we have had many enthusiastic members.

PRESIDENT - Donald Johnson VICE-PRESIDENT - Evelyn Brown
 SECRETARY - Eleanor Reid ASSISTANT SECRETARY - Bernice Thomas BUSINESS MANAGER - Betty Chapelle



Projectionists Club



The members of the Projectionists Club are responsible for the care, setting up and operation of all audio-visual equipment at Dunbar. This includes movie projector, tri-purpose projector, kodascope, microphone, amplifiers, turntable, and victrolas.

Chief projectionist is Waverly Taliaferro; Assistant Chief, James Lee; and Assistants: Joyce Price, Jimmie Turner, John Irvine, Warwick Scott, Carey Blair, Waddell Thomas, Clarence Irvine, Wilbert Wade, David Evans, Herbert Ferguson, and Roger Banks.

Sponsors are Messrs. H.S. Ferguson, N.O. White, and O.M. Washington.

Dunbar Theater Guild



"The play's the thing", say the sixty odd Dunbar Thespians who make up the 1954-55 roster of the Theater Guild. Doubtless a Maurice Evans, a Dorothy Dandridge, a Bellafonte, or a Hepburn will emerge from among them.

This year's officers are as follows:

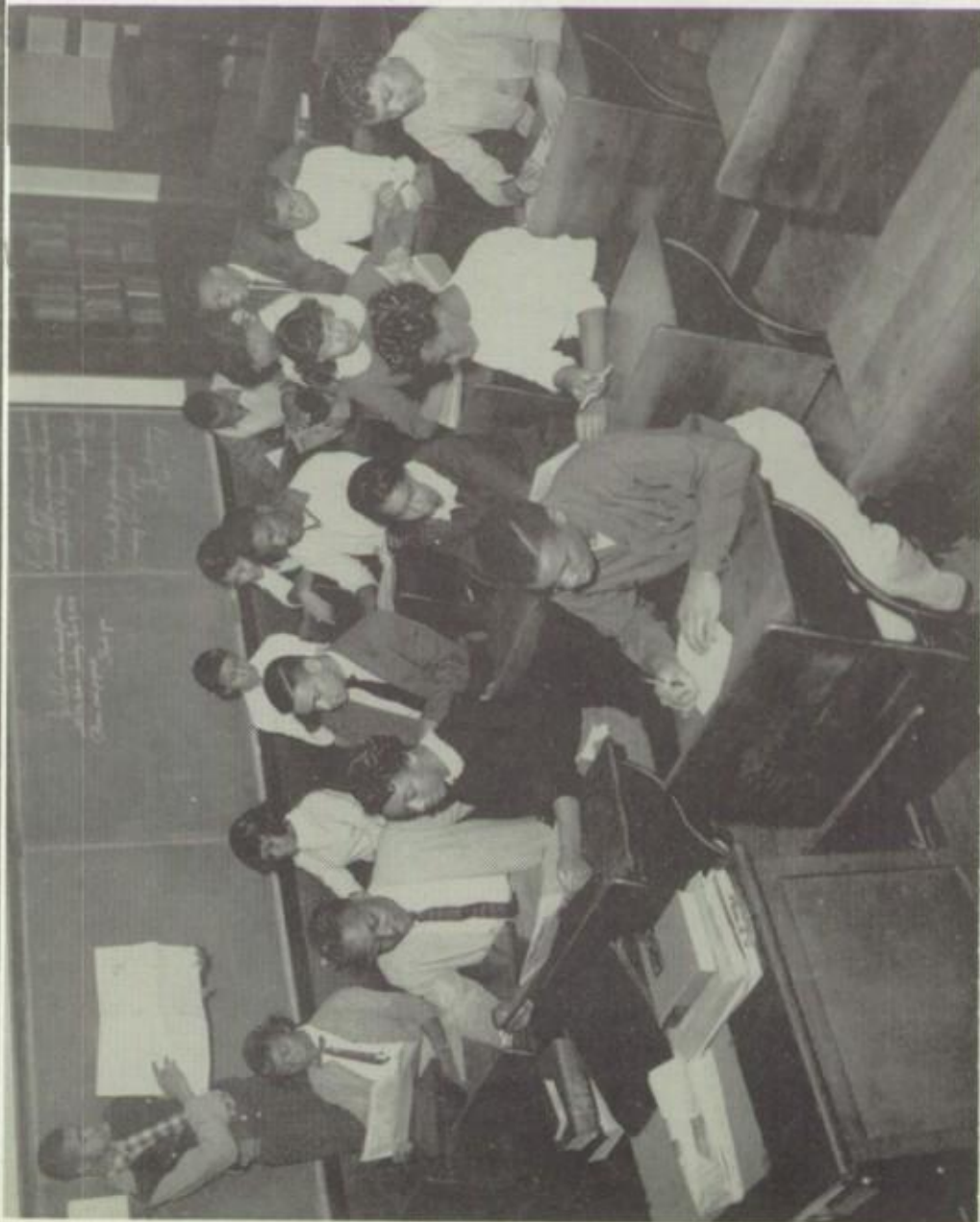
John Hamlett	President
LuVern Christian	Vice-President
Jean Reid	Secretary
Jeanette Jackson	Assistant Secretary
Naomi McDaniel	Treasurer
Betty Anderson	Chaplain
Miss Elizabeth Jordan	Sponsor

Chronicle



LOWER LEFT: Samuel Franklin, Editor-in-Chief of Dunbar Chronicle, shows members of his staff how to prepare a dummy.

UPPER RIGHT: The Editorial Staff of Dunbar Chronicle view their finished product. LEFT TO RIGHT: Marion Langhorne, Helen Williams, Samuel Franklin and Carolyn Price.



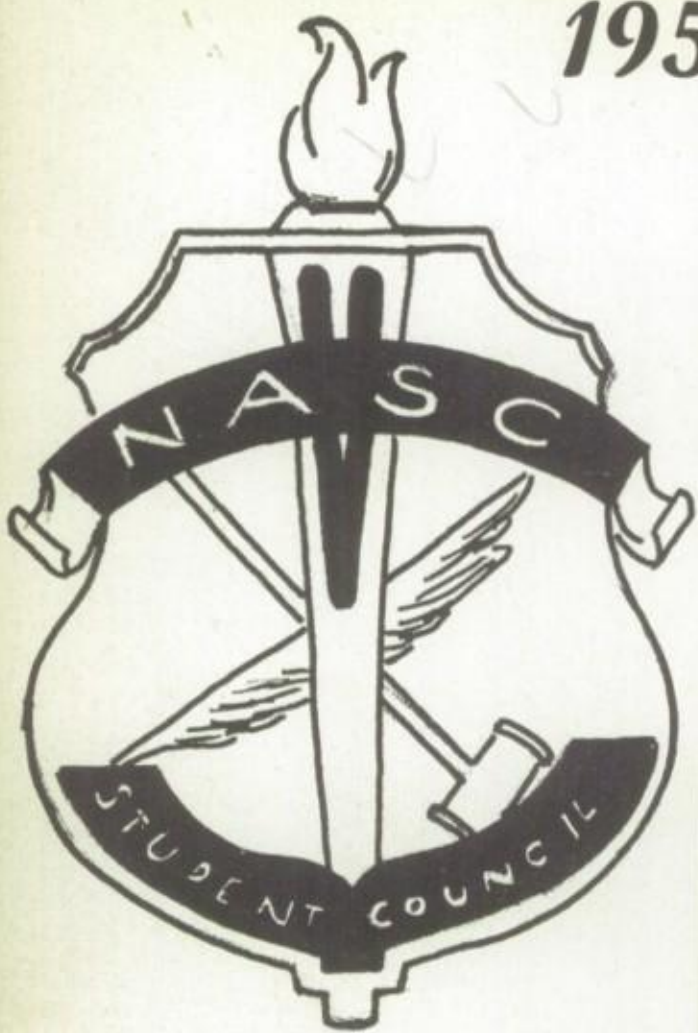


New Home Makers Of America

President	Elizabeth Hale
Vice-President	Elva Kidd
Secretary	Betty Cunningham
Assistant Secretary	Joan Spencer
Treasurer	Claudette Blair
Reporter	Naomi McDaniel

The above scene denotes one of the ways in which the club carries out the purpose -----" To provide wholesome recreational activities. "-----, Group singing is a wholesome way for family members to spend an evening together.

1954 - 1955 Student Council



AIMS

1. To promote student-faculty relationships.
2. To guide, and in a measure control, student activities.
3. To gain a respect for law and order.
4. To create better school atmosphere and school spirit.
5. To develop citizenship.
6. To encourage student participation.



The students above are members of the 1954-55 Student Council. They were determined to be the first to purchase the white sweaters with the purple school emblem on it.

The council sponsored this sweater sale project primarily to promote the school spirit and morale, however, there was some financial profit gained.

The members are left to right: Ernest Mosby, Benjamin Carter, Hayes Banks, Richard Brown, Graham Jennings, Elsie Wright, John Hughes, Alpha Coles, Jean Reid, Melvin York, Wanda Jones, Alice Franklin, Mildred Jenerson, Raymond Holmes, President; Helen Williams, Jean Irvine, Starling Meritt and Charles McCain who is not shown on the picture.

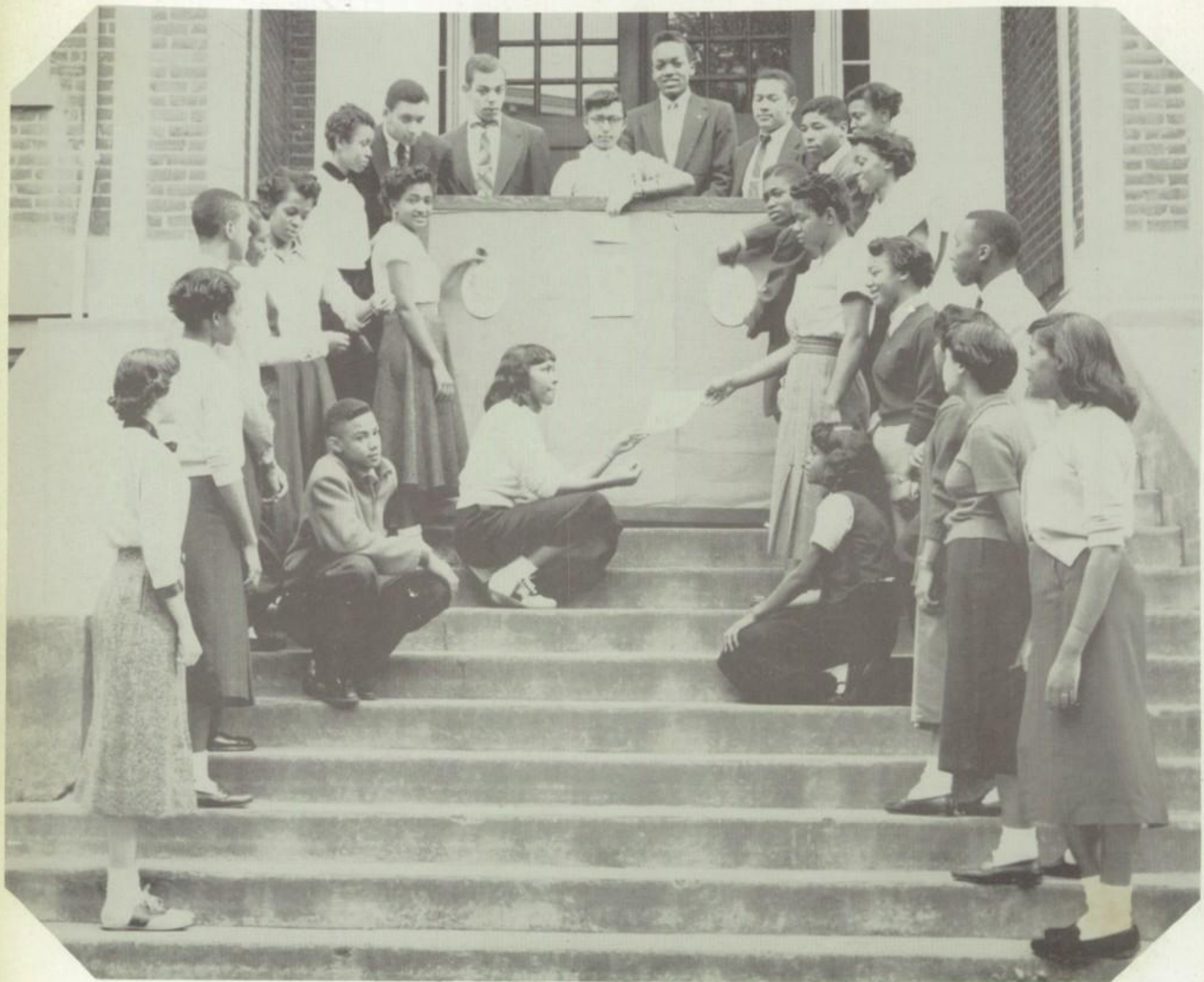
Boasting a 100% enrollment of the school, the Junior Red Cross Council has a representative from each homeroom. Evelyn Freeman, who attended the Red Cross conference at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, is the President. Numerous projects are completed each year.

Helping to fill the gift chest with medical, educational and recreational supplies to be sent abroad is the main project of the year.

Faculty advisor is Mrs. Dorothy L. Obey.



Le Cercle Francais



While some members of Le Cercle Francais make their contributions to a bulletin board, "Les Vieilles Epreuves Francaises" (Old French Prints), others watch the procedure with interest.

THE 1954-1955 OFFICERS

President	Jean Colmore
Vice-President	Harold Douglas
Secretary	Grace Jenerson
Assistant Secretary	Freddie Cunningham
Treasurer	Dorothy Waller
Class Reporter	George Harris



F. B. L. A.



Future Business Leaders of America, Lynchburg Chapter No. 1055, was organized May 20, 1954. The officers are:

President	Charles Mc Cain
1st Vice-President	Warwick Scott
2nd Vice-President	Delores Johnson
Secretary	Doris Edmonds
Treasurer	James Brown
Reporter	Elva Kidd

Two projects for the year, preparation and sale of football programs and a float, are shown at the left of the group picture. Sponsors of our club are Mr. Moultrie, Mr. Thornhill and Miss Chafin.

National



Honor



Society



-To the glory of character
To the strength of leadership
To the power of wisdom
And the love of service —

Cheerleaders



Who're you going to yell for?



Come on Kids, they did swell,
Let's give them a great big yell!

Yea - Jean Jones, Yea - Hattie Penick

Yea - Joyce Claiborne, Yea - Elva Kidd

Yea - Shirley Gray



Hey! School!



Trade Wood Shop



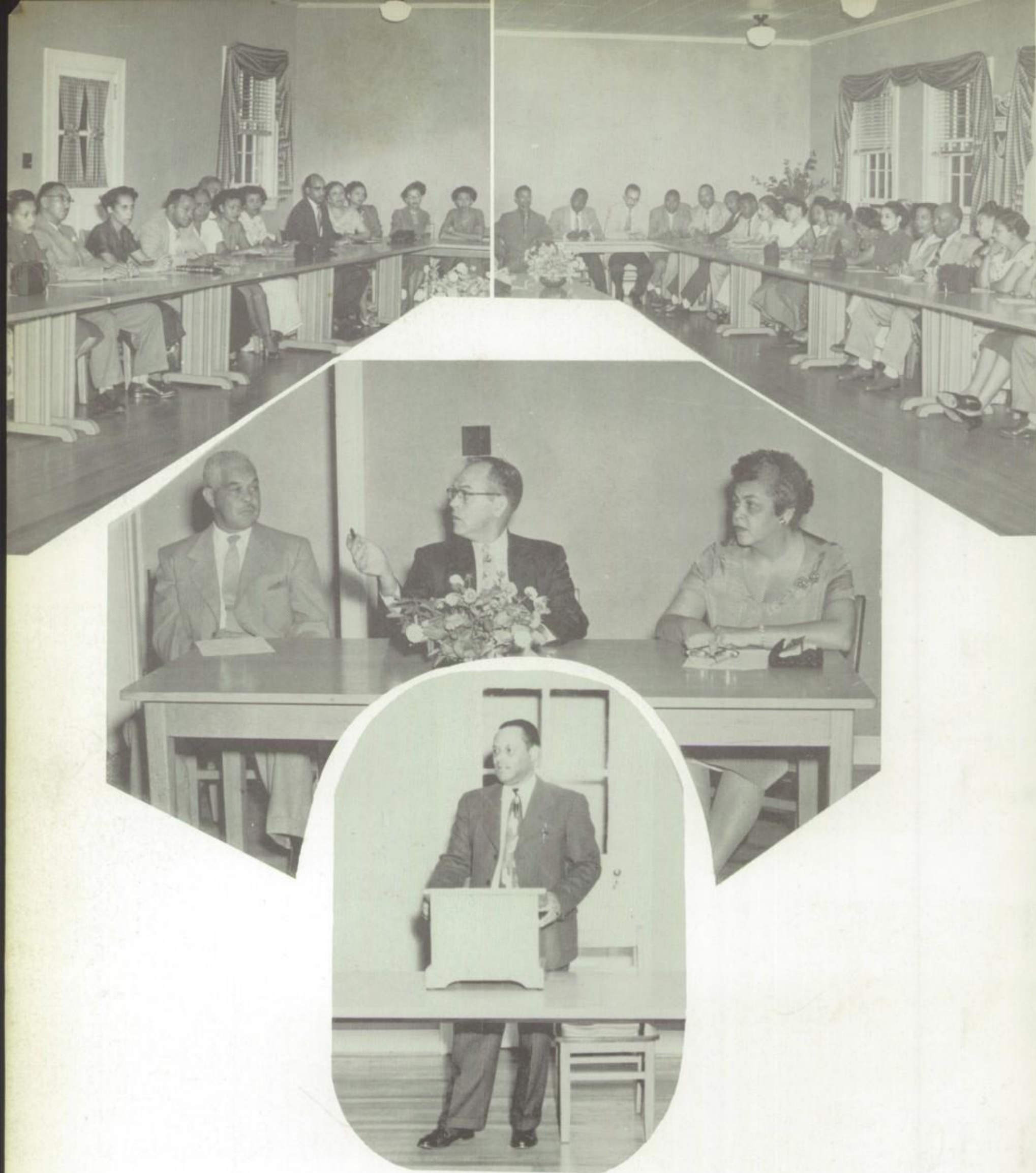
OUR TRADE BUILDING



TRADE STUDENTS: James Bass, Oscar Booker, Howard Brown, Mitchel Cunningham, Robert Davis, Robert L. Davis, Louis Early, David Evans, Paul Humbles, John Irvine, James Johnson, Carl Miller, Franklin Miller, James Miller, John Pryor, Garfield Reynolds, Charlie Ross, Superintendent; Thomas Thornhill, Frank Turberville, Ronald Tyler, Henry White, Harold Whitted, Alvin Banks, Roger Banks, Charles Carter, Norman Clark, Thomas Gills, Nathaniel Harris, Clarence Irvine, Edward Jones, Frances Moor- man, Curley Sayles, David Snead, Lavonne Stamps, Superintendent; Clyde Steptoe, Wil- liam Wade and Edwin Yancey.
INSTRUCTOR: Mr. N. O. White.

Spotlights





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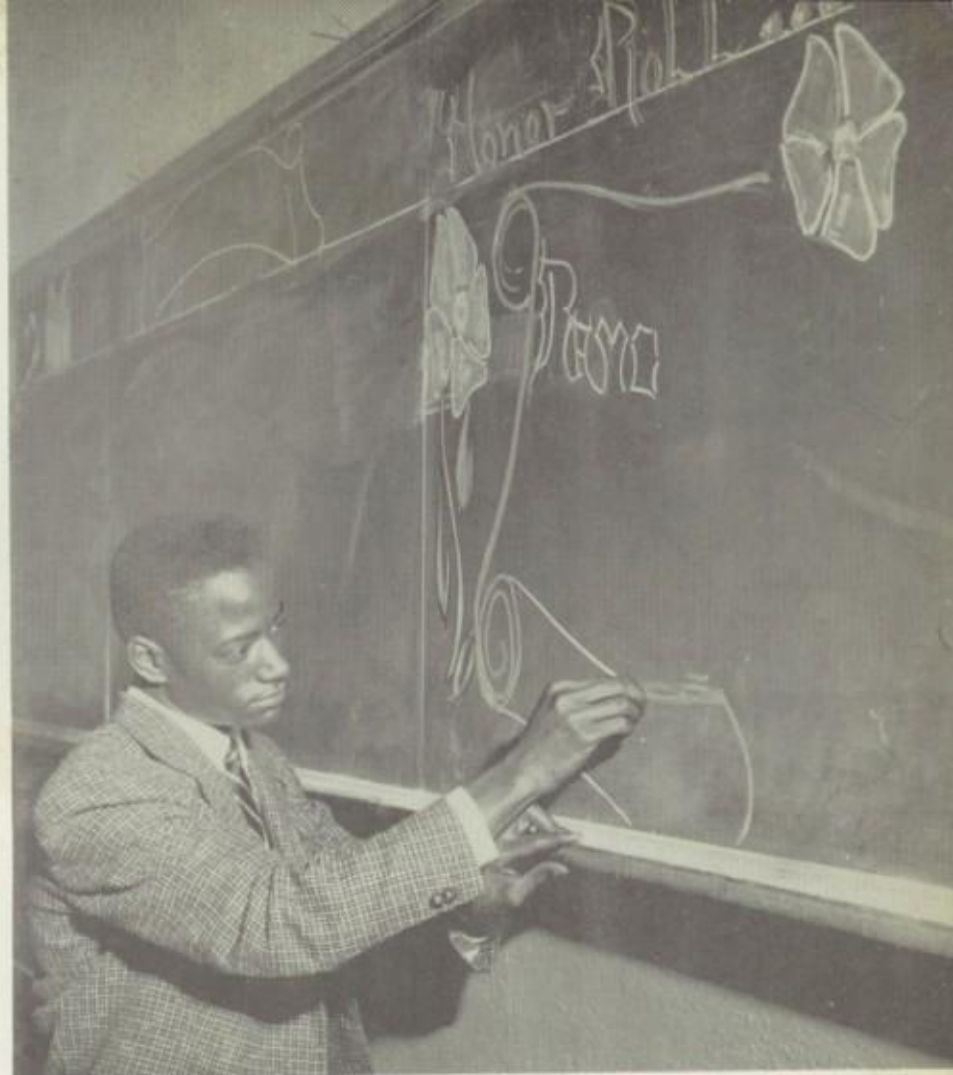


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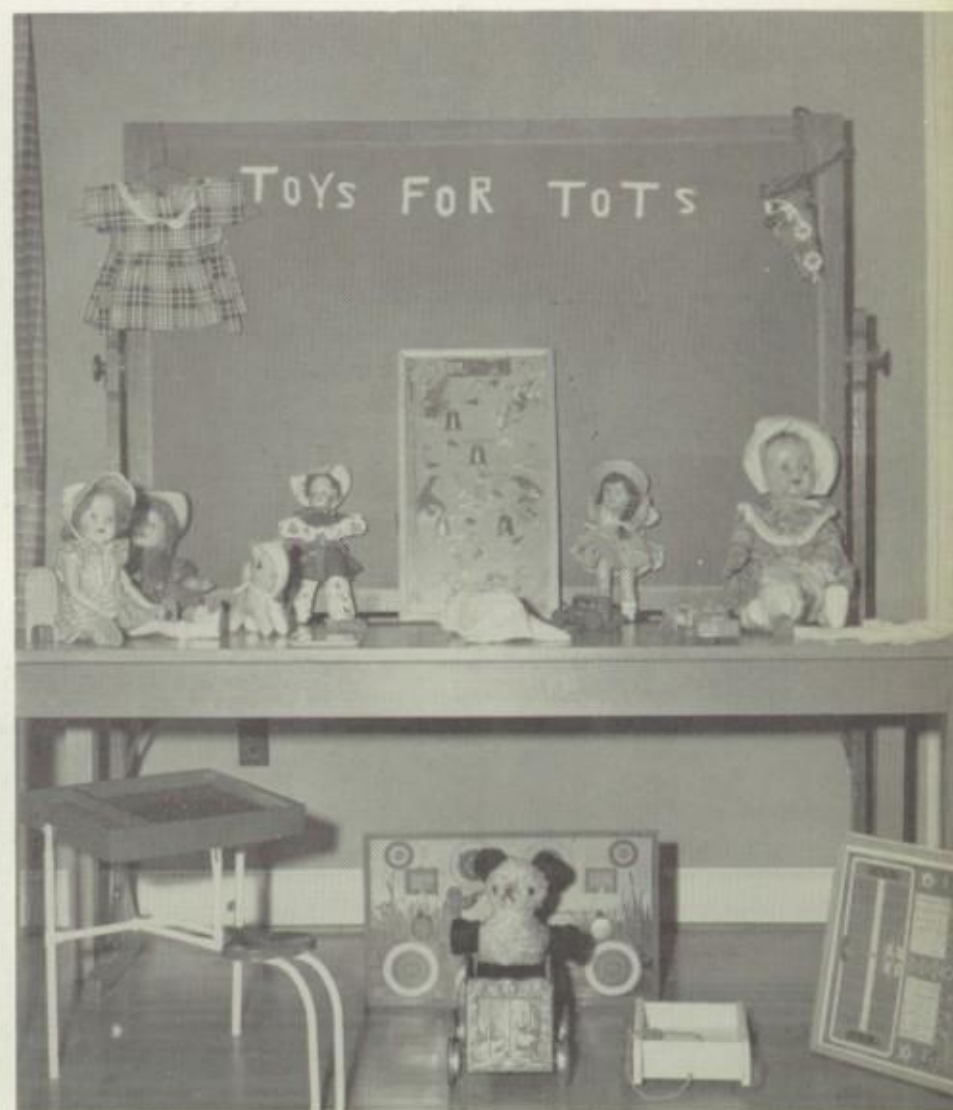


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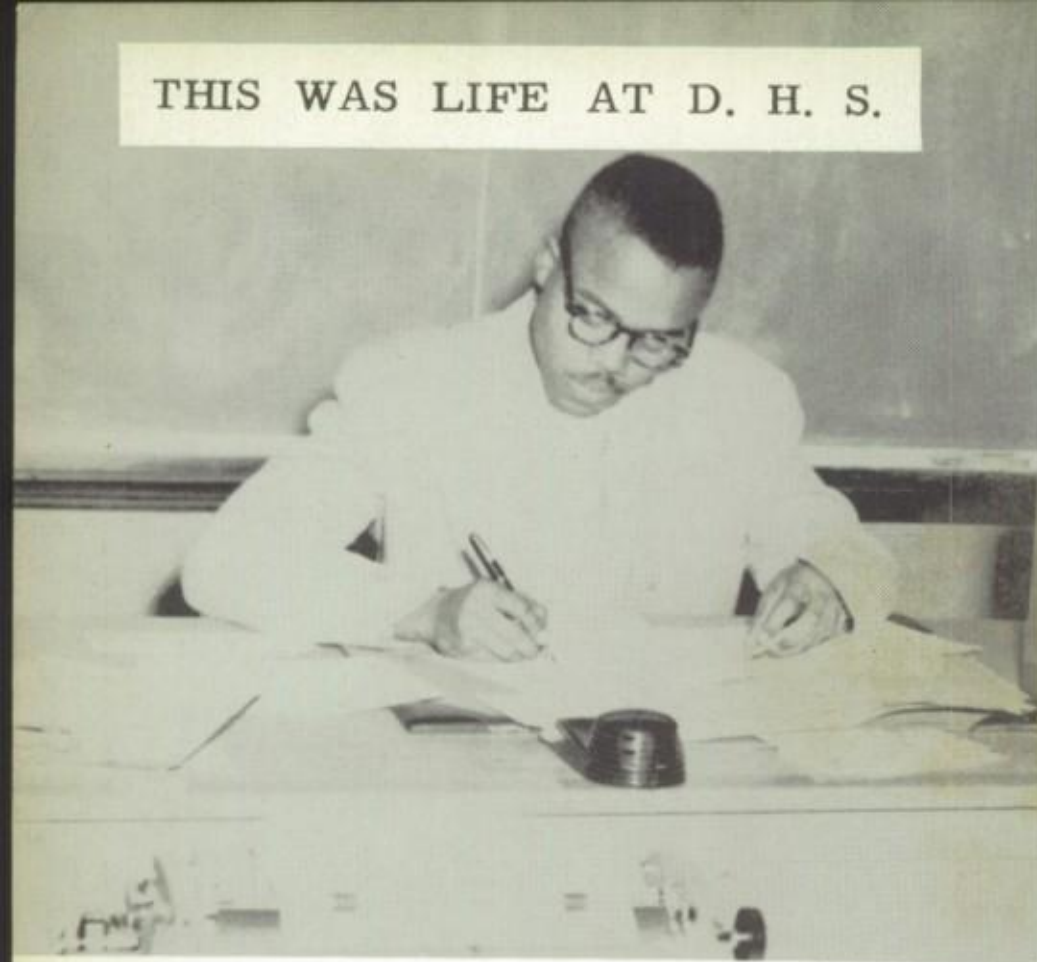
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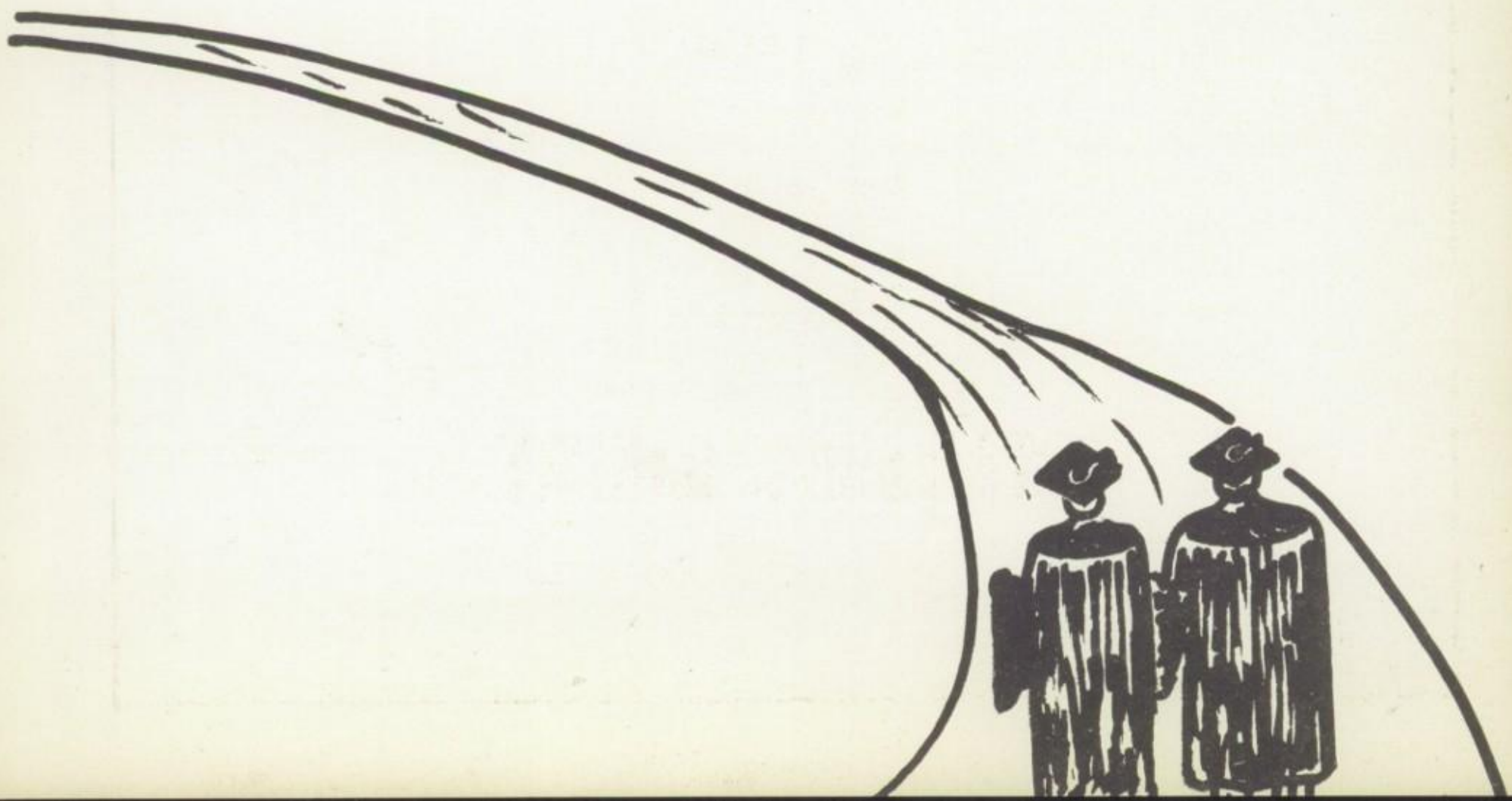
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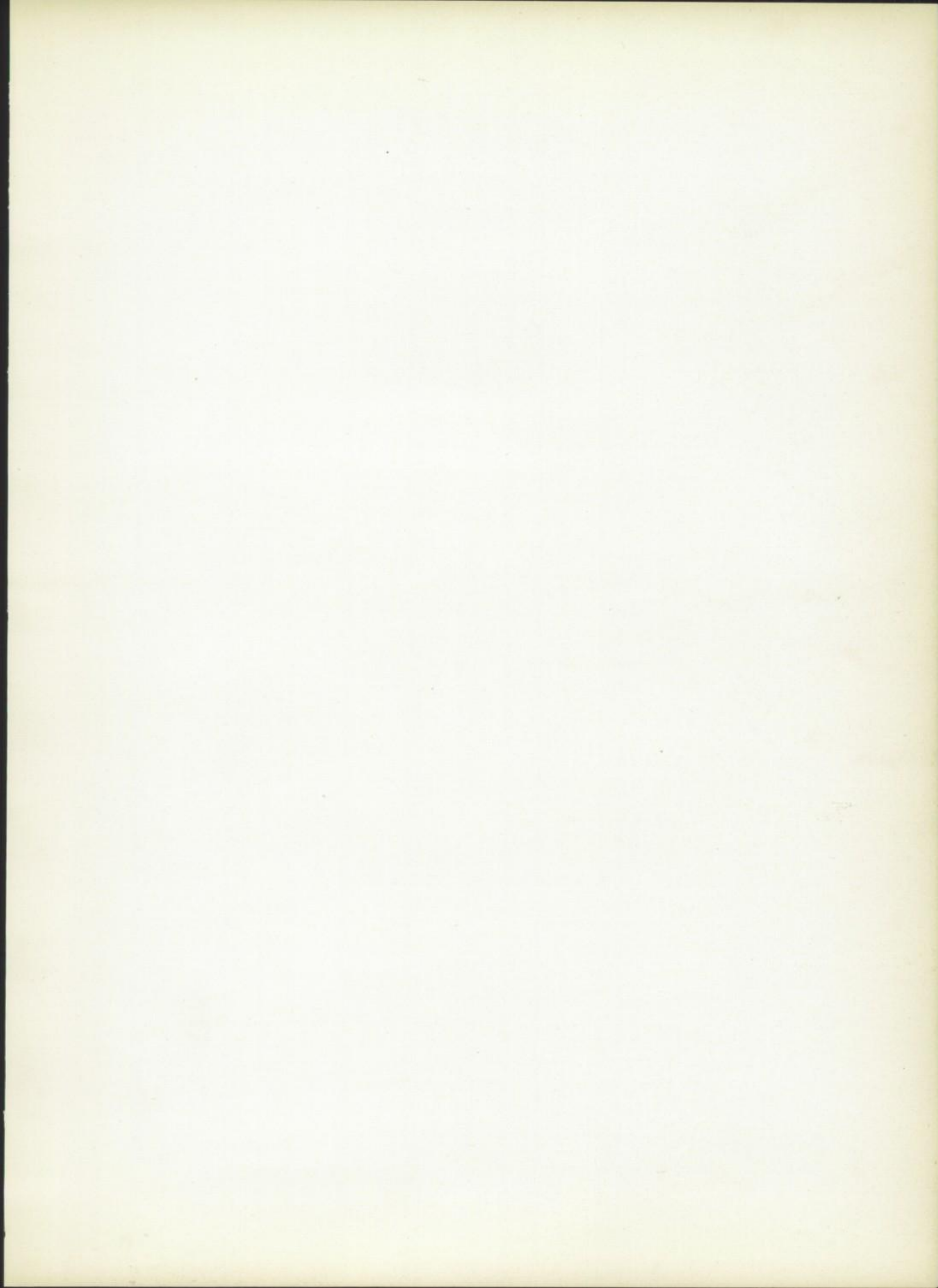
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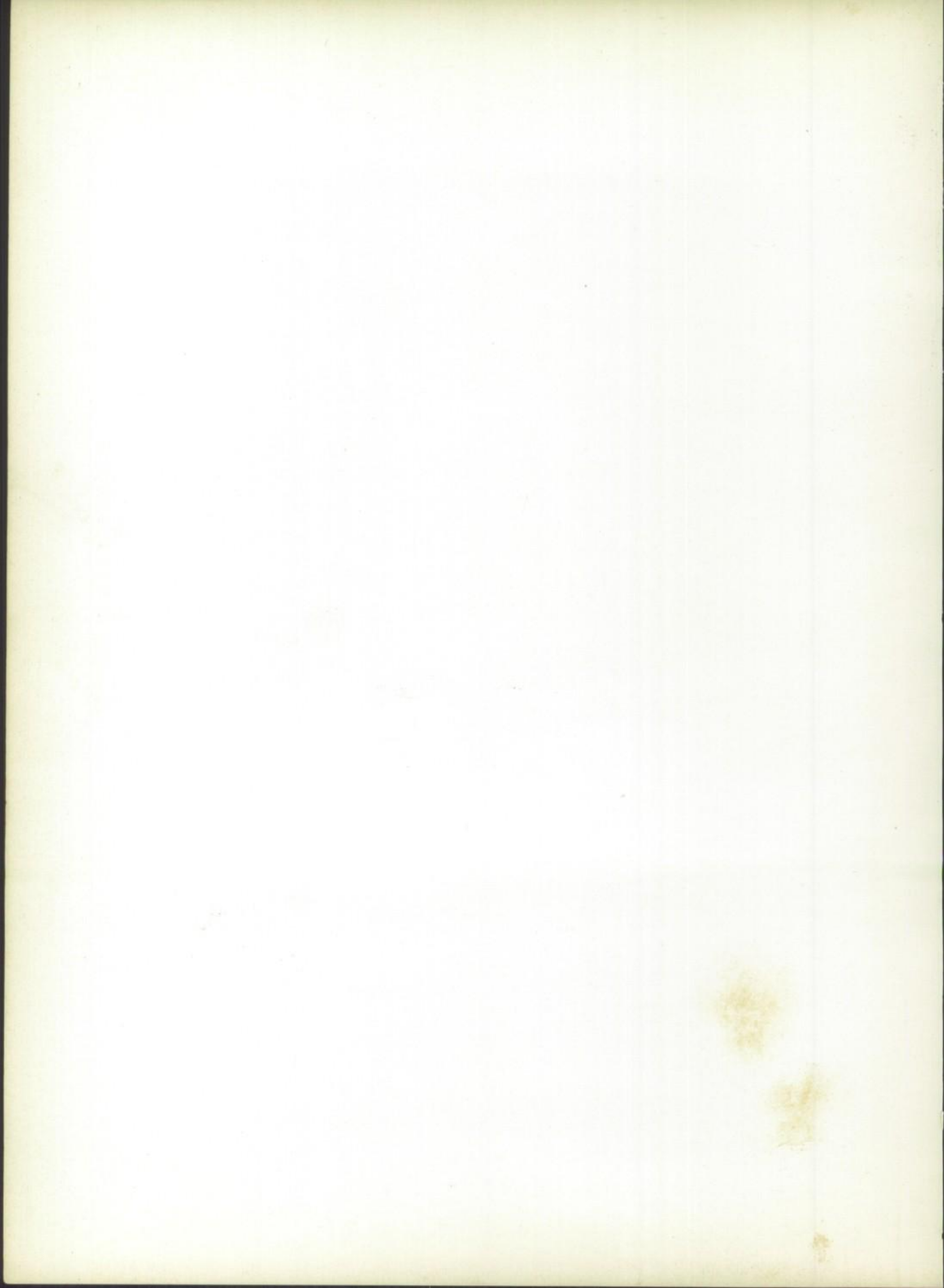
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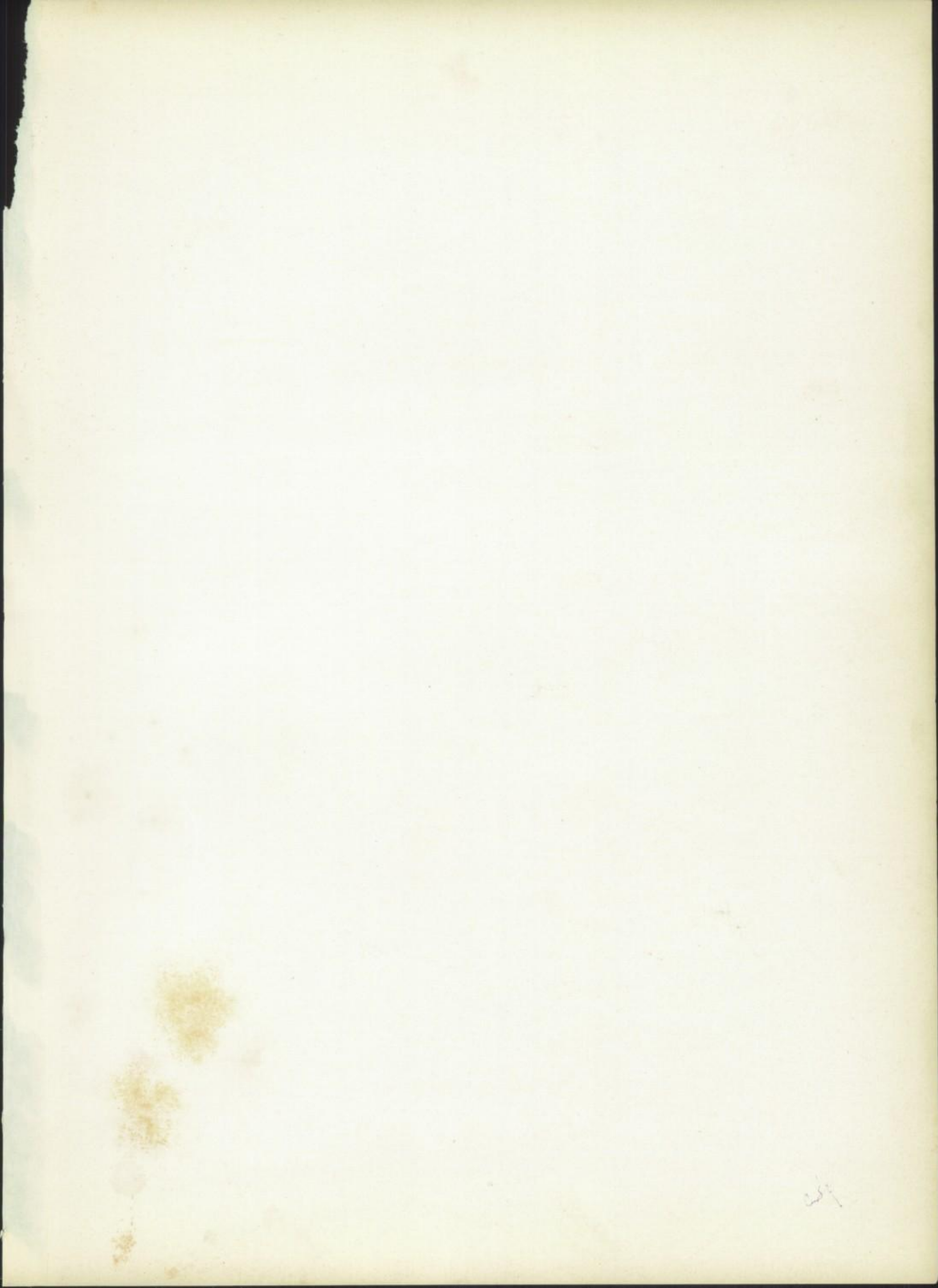
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